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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 25,  
2 2004: For your information, there is no reportable action as  
3 a result of the Board of Supervisors' closed session held  
4 today.]

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8 [ GAVEL ]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD EVERYONE PLEASE RISE? WE WILL OPEN  
11 THE MEETING. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY DR. KEITH  
12 TANIS FROM NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN ARTESIA, FOLLOWED BY  
13 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY ARMAN ASA'ID,  
14 MEMBER OF WILLIAM BUSHNELL CHAPTER 123, DISABLED AMERICAN  
15 VETERANS.

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17 **REVEREND KEITH TANIS:** GOOD MORNING. VERY SPECIAL PRAYER THIS  
18 MORNING BASED ON ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT PRAYERS KNOWN TO  
19 HUMANKIND, A PRAYER OF MOSES, A PRAYER FROM PSALM 90 THAT IS  
20 PRECIOUS TO BOTH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD. LET US  
21 PRAY. LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE IN ALL  
22 GENERATIONS. BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH OR EVER,  
23 YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO  
24 EVERLASTING, YOU ARE GOD. A THOUSAND YEARS IN YOUR SIGHT ARE  
25 LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN IT'S PAST OR LIKE A WATCH IN THE NIGHT BUT



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1 THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE ARE 70 YEARS OR 80, IF WE ARE STRONG. BUT  
2 THEN THEY ARE SOON GONE AND WE FLY AWAY. SO TEACH US, GOD, TO  
3 NUMBER OUR DAYS THAT WE MAY GAIN A WISE HEART. SATISFY US IN  
4 THE MORNING WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE SO THAT WE MAY REJOICE  
5 AND BE GLAD ALL OUR DAYS. LET THE FAVOR OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE  
6 UPON US AND PROSPER FOR US THE WORK OF OUR HANDS, O PROSPER  
7 THE WORK OF OUR HANDS. ALMIGHTY GOD, THIS MORNING WE MEET  
8 AGAIN TO USE OUR HANDS, OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS, OUR MOUTHS TO  
9 LEAD LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO THAT SHE MAY PROSPER IN OUR DAY.  
10 LIKE MOSES, WE ADMIT THAT OUR LIVES ARE SHORT BUT YOU ARE  
11 ETERNAL. LIKE MOSES, WE PRAY FOR WISE HEARTS; LIKE MOSES, WE  
12 INVOKE YOUR LOVE AND FAVOR SO THAT WE MAY PROSPER. HEAR OUR  
13 PRAYER FOR THE SUPERVISORS, FOR THE LEADERS OF OUR STATE AND  
14 NATION, AND FOR ALL WHO DEFEND OUR NATION, HERE AND IN IRAQ  
15 AND AFGHANISTAN AND AROUND THE WORLD. MAY OUR WORK TODAY SERVE  
16 YOUR DESIRE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL OF HUMANKIND. AMEN.

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18 **ARMAN ASA'ID:** PLEASE PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR HEART AND  
19 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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21 **ARMAN ASA'ID:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TO MY COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
24 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO  
25 DR. KEITH TANIS. KEITH IS THE SENIOR PASTOR AT NEW LIFE



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1 COMMUNITY CHURCH IN ARTESIA, WHERE MY WIFE, JULIE, AND I HAVE  
2 BEEN MEMBERS FOR OVER 30 YEARS, SO IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE MY  
3 OWN PASTOR DOWN HERE TODAY. DR. TANIS, AS I SAID, IS A SENIOR  
4 PASTOR THERE AND HE HAS PASTORED CHURCHES IN MICHIGAN AND  
5 TEXAS AND TAUGHT ON THE FACULTY OF CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
6 BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY OUT THERE EACH AND EVERY DAY WHAT HE DOES  
7 FOR US OUT THERE IN ARTESIA. SO, KEITH, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
8 PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. AGAIN, APPRECIATE  
9 YOU COMING DOWN HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO, ON BEHALF  
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, TO PRESENT ARMAN ASA'ID WITH A  
13 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AS I SAID EARLIER, HE IS A MEMBER  
14 OF THE WILLIAM BUSHNELL CHAPTER 123 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN  
15 VETERANS, WHERE HE'S A LIFE MEMBER. HE WAS IN THE UNITED  
16 STATES NAVY, SERVED IN NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK, MAINE. I  
17 WAS AT NAVAL STATION ALAMEDA. I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE  
18 COUNTRY AND WHERE HE RECEIVED THE NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND  
19 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL. HE CURRENTLY WE WORKS FOR OUR  
20 MILITARY IN VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WITH A VETERANS CLAIMS  
21 ASSISTANT. SO, ARMAN, BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D  
22 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE  
23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL DO THE AGENDA.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, WE'LL HOLD THIS  
5 UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 2.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
10 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 2-H, WE'LL ALSO HOLD THIS UNTIL AFTER  
11 PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 2. ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
14 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED MATTERS UNDER  
17 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THEN WE'LL TAKE THOSE UP AFTER THE BOARD'S  
18 PRESENTATIONS. SO, UNDER PUBLIC HEARINGS, ON ITEM NUMBER 10,  
19 AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE BOARD DECLARED ITS INTENT TO  
20 CONTINUE, WITHOUT DISCUSSION, TO JUNE 22ND, 2004.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 12, AS NOTED ON THE  
2   AGENDA, ON THE GREEN SHEET, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THE  
3   ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 15, 2004.

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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7   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF  
8   SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 20. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, HOLD FOR  
9   SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE  
10   AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
13   ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
14   SO ORDERED.

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16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. ON ITEM 21, AS  
17   NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
18   REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
23   22.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 23 AND 24, ON ITEM  
5   23, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM 24 IS BEFORE YOU.

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7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
8   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
11   REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
12   OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
13   THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
14   ITEM 25-A, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT COMPLETES THE  
15   READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
16   BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE, IF YOU DON'T MIND, TALK TO YOUR  
19   STAFF, WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION HERE THAT...

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE. NO, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE FOLLOWING FORWARD. THE  
24   HONORABLE RUDY DIAZ, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE AND CHAIR OF THE  
25   DRUG CORPS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; THE HONORABLE ELLEN DESHAZER,



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1 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR THE COMPTON COURT; THE HONORABLE  
2 JUDGE MICHAEL TYNEMAN, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR LOS ANGELES;  
3 AND SOME VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS: ERNEST ALEGRIA, ERIC  
4 SHANNON, DENNIS ODOM, AND WESLEY WILLIAMS. AS THEY ALL COME  
5 FORWARD, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO PROCLAIM, CONGRATULATE AND HONOR  
6 THESE FINE FOLKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, BOTH IN FURTHERING THE  
7 EFFORTS OF OUR DRUG CORPS, ALSO, AS GREAT EXAMPLES OF  
8 SUCCESSFUL DRUG TREATMENT. SO, JUDGE DIAZ, IT'S MY PLEASURE,  
9 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, TO PRESENT YOU,  
10 CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF A GREAT PROGRAM AS DRUG CORPS MONTH  
11 HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY  
12 COLLEAGUES, AND, AGAIN, SAY A JOB WELL DONE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **JUDGE DIAZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE. I JUST WANT TO  
15 THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUING AND UNRELENTING SUPPORT  
16 FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. THIS IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT COUNTY  
17 AGENCIES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN  
18 ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, FOCUS ON COMMON GOALS, AND  
19 JUST NEVER GIVE UP. I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED  
20 AND I'M ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR PEOPLE WHO WILL BE RECOGNIZING  
21 TODAY AND SO MANY OTHER, MORE THAN 3,000 GRADUATES FROM OUR  
22 PROGRAM WHO NOT ONLY HAVE TAKEN AND BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OUR  
23 EFFORTS BUT THEY THEMSELVES GIVE BACK, AND WE'LL HEAR ABOUT  
24 FOUR OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN A FEW MINUTES. THANKS AGAIN FOR  
25 YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.



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**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JUDGE, THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT,  
PERSONALLY, I HAVE BEEN A GRADUATION SPEAKER AT A COUPLE OF  
DRUG CORPS GRADUATIONS DOWN IN LONG BEACH AND SO I JUST WANT  
TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU AND THE LEADERS OF THE COURT FOR  
WHAT YOU DO. NEXT, WE HAVE SOME INDIVIDUALS HERE THAT WE'D  
LIKE TO-- THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATED FROM THE DRUG CORPS  
PROGRAMS AND, FROM THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, WE HAVE  
ERNEST ALEGRIA. ERNEST, I'M GOING TO CALL YOU UP FIRST TO  
PRESENT YOUR SCROLL.

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**ERNEST ALEGRIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERNIE AND I AM A RECOVERING  
ADDICT AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I CONTINUE TO BE  
GRATEFUL FOR THE DRUG CORPS PROGRAM. I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY  
IF THAT PROGRAM WAS NOT THERE FOR ME. I CONTINUE TO MOVE  
FORWARD ONE DAY AT A TIME. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE ERIC SHANNON.

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**ERIC SHANNON:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS A  
HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE. NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS  
WOULD I HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE AND I WANT TO  
THANK YOU GUYS AGAIN AND TELL YOU THAT THE PROGRAM WORKS. [  
APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DENNIS ODOM.

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3    **DENNIS ODOM:** HOW YOU DOING? MY NAME IS DENNIS ODOM AND THE  
4    PROGRAM WORKS. IF IT WOULDN'T, I WOULDN'T BE HERE. THANK YOU.

5    [ APPLAUSE ]

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WESLEY WILLIAMS.

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9    **WESLEY WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WESLEY WILLIAMS AND  
10    I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
11    AWARD AS WELL AS SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE, WHO KNOW WHOM THEY ARE,  
12    SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE, ESPECIALLY JUDGE MICHAEL TYNAN. AND,  
13    MOST OF ALL, I WANTED TO SAY THIS MORNING THAT DRUG CORPS IS  
14    VERY IMPORTANT. AS SUPERVISORS, YOU'RE CHARGED WITH A GREAT  
15    RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, THE PEOPLE WHO  
16    ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS, HAVE FAMILIES, WILL PAY TAXES IF  
17    THEY'RE CLEAN, AND BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS IN THE  
18    COMMUNITY. AND, AS A RESULT, WHEN IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR MORE  
19    MONEY FOR THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE REMEMBER US. THANK YOU. [  
20    LIGHT LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S A PRETTY COOL PLUG FOR BUDGET, HUH?  
23    [ LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I TELL YOU, JUDGE TYNAN, YOU'RE SMOOTH,  
2   BUDDY. THAT WAS LIKE, LIKE, MAN, THAT WAS LIKE (CHARACTER  
3   VOICE). NEXT, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO THE  
4   HONORABLE JUDGE ELLEN DESHAZER, WHO OPENED THE COMPTON DRUG  
5   CORPS PROGRAM IN JULY OF 1998 AND CONTINUES TO PRESIDE OVER  
6   THE DRUG COURT TODAY. SHE HAS GRADUATED A TOTAL OF 227  
7   PARTICIPANTS AND HAS MAINTAINED ONE OF THE LOWEST RECIDIVISM  
8   RATES OF ALL DRUG CORPS PROGRAMS. SHE CHAIRS THE JUDGE'S  
9   ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF JUDGES PRESIDING OVER DRUG  
10   COURTS AND PROP 36 COURTS AND IS A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE  
11   NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE. THROUGH HER COMMITMENT AND  
12   DEDICATED EFFORTS, SHE CONTINUE TO WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE A  
13   DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF DEFENDANTS THAT COME BEFORE HER  
14   THROUGH HER INSISTENCE ON PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND  
15   ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE RECOVERY PROCESS. SO, JUDGE, WE'D LIKE  
16   TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GREAT  
17   SERVICE AND WHAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO EACH AND EVERY DAY.  
18   CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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20   **JUDGE ELLEN DESHAZER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. USUALLY I LIKE  
21   TO TALK AND I HAVE LOTS TO SAY BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE  
22   MOMENTS WHERE I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SAY, EXCEPT THANK YOU VERY  
23   MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I AM JUST DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT OUR  
24   HARD WORK IS BEING RECOGNIZED, NOT SO MUCH FOR WHAT WE DO, BUT



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1 FOR THE LIVES THAT WE REALLY DO WORK ON A DAILY BASIS TO TRY  
2 TO SAVE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SPEAKER:** IT'S WONDERFUL WORKING IN THIS ENTERPRISE, IT REALLY  
5 IS. IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SATISFYING THINGS I THINK I'VE  
6 EVER DONE IN MY LIFE AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR ALL THEIR HELP  
7 AND SUPPORT IN THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE IT. GOD  
8 BLESS YOU ALL. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL? THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? AND THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING THE JUDGES  
12 GO FIRST.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO PROBLEM. THIS MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
15 WELCOME ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING NURSES FOR THE YEAR 2004 AND  
16 CONGRATULATE THEM FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL NURSE RECOGNITION WEEK  
17 WHICH WAS HELD MAY 2ND THROUGH MAY 8TH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A VERY... [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...DISTINCT HONOR TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE, AS  
22 YOU ARE ALL NOMINATED BY YOUR OWN PEERS FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS  
23 AWARD AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE 16 NURSES FROM ACROSS  
24 OUR COUNTY. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA FROM THE  
25 FIRST DISTRICT.



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**SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY  
CORRECT. NURSES ARE VERY, VERY SPECIAL TO ALL OF US IN THE  
COUNTY. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK AND THE CONTRIBUTION THEY  
MAKE ON A REGULAR BASIS BUT TO HAVE THIS KIND OF RECOGNITION  
WE THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS THEIR PEERS THAT SAID  
THESE ARE THE VERY BEST. THEY DO THEIR JOB VERY WELL. AND I'M  
SO VERY PROUD TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE THIS  
RECOGNITION BECAUSE IT IS AN AMAZING COMMITMENT THAT IS  
CREATED EVERY SINGLE DAY BY THE HARD WORK THAT YOU DO. WE  
VALUE OUR NURSES AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE  
ATTRACTING NOT ONLY THE VERY BEST, WHICH THEY ARE, BUT, MORE  
IMPORTANTLY, THAT WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM WITH US. SO WE'RE  
VERY PROUD. AND SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I  
WANT TO POINT OUT FOUR OF THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS. TO  
BEGIN WITH, MARGERY BORJORN HAS WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH SINCE 1980. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS WITH GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ADMINISTRATION TEAM IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND HAS BEEN  
INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING IN NEW SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND SO, MARGERY, ON  
BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONGRATULATIONS AS ONE OF  
OUR OUTSTANDING NURSES. [ APPLAUSE ]

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**MARJORIE BORJORN:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS IS ONE OF  
THE GREATEST HONORS I'VE EVER HAD AS A NURSE WORKING FOR



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1 COUNTY AND I REALLY APPRECIATE BEING SELECTED AS NURSE OF THE  
2 YEAR. IT'S REALLY SPECIAL TO ME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OUR NEXT NURSE IS PAUL TOBIAS. HE BEGAN HIS  
7 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AS A  
8 STAFF NURSE IN 1997 AND WAS PROMOTED TO SUPERVISING STAFF  
9 NURSE IN 2002. HIS COLLEAGUES PRAISE HIS OUTSTANDING DEGREE OF  
10 PROFESSIONALISM AND CARING DEMEANOR TOWARD ALL OF HIS  
11 PATIENTS. WE'RE VERY PROUD, PAUL, TO PRESENT YOU ALSO WITH A  
12 CERTIFICATE AND A SCROLL FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND  
13 YOUR RECOGNITION.

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15 **PAUL TOBIAS:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **PAUL TOBIAS:** I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO ATTENDED TODAY  
20 AND ALSO MY STAFF AT THE HOSPITAL, WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO COME  
21 TODAY. THEY'RE THE REASON WHY I'M HERE. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT  
22 GIVE ME THE INSPIRATION TO DO THIS FOR THEM AND TO BE THERE  
23 FOR THEM AS WELL AS THE PATIENTS THAT COME IN EVERY DAY THAT  
24 NEED OUR HELP AND THAT WE DO GIVE THEM HELP WITHOUT EVER  
25 THINKING TWICE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT WE HAVE GUADALUPE DIAZ FIGUEROA, WHO HAS  
3 BEEN WITH US FOR 33 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE VERY  
4 PROUD OF THAT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE HAS SERVED AS AN INSTITUTIONAL HELPER, A  
7 NURSING ATTENDANT, A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE, AND AS A  
8 REGISTERED NURSE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, WORKING IN THE  
9 NORTHEAST HEALTH CENTER, THE WHITTIER HEALTH CENTER, THE PICO  
10 RIVERA HEALTH CENTER AND IS CURRENTLY AT THE EL MONTE  
11 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HER. SHE IS  
12 ALSO CURRENTLY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660.  
13 GUADALUPE, CONGRATULATIONS. VERY DESERVING RECOGNITION. WE ARE  
14 PROUD OF YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **GUADALUPE DIAZ FIGUEROA:** IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE AND  
17 PERSONAL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY THANK MY COWORKERS AT EL MONTE  
19 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER WHO NOMINATED ME IN THIS HONOR BUT  
20 I WILL ALSO EXPRESS THAT, EVEN THOUGH I'M HERE, IT WOULD BE  
21 UNJUST TO MENTION ALL THE NURSES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT DESERVE  
22 RECOGNITION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND THEIR TRUE QUALITY OF  
23 WORK THAT WE PROVIDE FOR ALL THE PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. IT  
24 GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE REPRESENTING THE AMBULATORY  
25 CARE SYSTEM BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT THE NURSES IN



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1 L.A. COUNTY NEED RECOGNITION AND THE WAY WE CAN DO THAT, TO  
2 GET THE NURSES THE WAY TO STAY THE WAY I'VE STUCK HERE FOR 33  
3 YEARS, IS TO GIVE US AN EQUITABLE CONTRACT, AND I WOULD LIKE  
4 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, YES, WE DO DESERVE IT. THANK  
5 YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** FAIR ENOUGH, GUADALUPE. [ LAUGHTER ]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE HAS TO DO HER END OF THE JOB AS WELL. NEXT WE  
10 HAVE ELLEN GUSIA, WHO WORKS FOR THE SHERIFF'S TWIN TOWERS  
11 CORRECTIONAL CENTER NURSING SERVICES. HER COWORKERS ARE  
12 CONTINUOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH HER CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE AND  
13 COMMITMENT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HER PATIENTS.  
14 ELLEN, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **ELLEN GUSIA:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17 HONORED GUESTS, MY FELLOW NURSES, CAPTAIN PENNER, MR.  
18 FLAHERTY, LIEUTENANT SMITH, RITA DUNEREZ, ARLENE MARTINEZ.  
19 THIS IS... I'M SPEECHLESS. I THOUGHT I WAS READY FOR THIS BUT  
20 WE ALL-- NURSES WORK VERY HARD. WE WORK AS A TEAM. I AM  
21 ACCEPTING THIS IN BEHALF OF THE NURSES FROM MY DEPARTMENT AND,  
22 LIKE WHAT I SAID, IT'S A HARD WORK, BUT SOMETIMES IT FEELS  
23 LIKE-- OR IT SEEMS LIKE VERY FRUSTRATING, EXHAUSTING,  
24 THANKLESS. BUT, NEVERTHELESS, WE CONTINUE TO WORK AS-- TO  
25 ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, AND THAT IS PROVIDING THE BEST OF CARE TO



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1 OUR PATIENTS AND MAINTAINING THEIR HEALTH. THANK YOU. [

2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE VERY PROUD OF THE  
5 CONTRIBUTION THAT OUR NURSES PROVIDE EVERY SINGLE DAY IN ALL  
6 AREAS, IN ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, BUT I'M  
7 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF ALL OF THESE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.  
8 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU. [ [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY? YES, WE'RE GOING TO DO A PICTURE BUT  
11 YOU GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HONOR SOME NURSES FROM THE  
16 SECOND DISTRICT AND THEY COME FROM HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND I  
17 KNOW THEY HAVE A HARD JOB BUT WE APPRECIATE THE KIND OF WORK  
18 THAT THEY'RE DOING. AND, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HILDA  
19 MONTEMORES AND HILDA MONTEMORES IS A NURSE AT THE-- I'M SORRY,  
20 AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, KING DREW. WE KNOW THAT YOU'VE  
21 RECEIVED A LOT OF LUMPS BUT WE HAVE SOME GOOD NURSES AT KING  
22 DREW AND CERTAINLY WE'RE VERY, VERY PLEASED TO HONOR YOU. HOW  
23 LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE? SHE'S BEEN THERE 16 YEARS.  
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

25



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1    **HILDA MONTEMORES:** MY NAME IS HILDA MONTEMORES. I REPRESENT THE  
2    NURSES AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO  
3    THANK MY COWORKERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY, TRYING TO CHEER ME ON.  
4    I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY NURSE MANAGER, OUR NURSES DIRECTOR,  
5    MR. KIDD AND MRS. LONG, MRS. TAYLOR, AND ALL MY FRIENDS, MY  
6    PASTOR, REVEREND HILTON THAT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME TAKING  
7    SOME PICTURES, MY OTHER FRIENDS FROM WORK AND MY BROTHER.  
8    THEY'RE ALL HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT, TO TRY TO CHEER ME ON. I  
9    WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I WAS NAMED THE OUTSTANDING NURSE OF  
10   TEAM DREW MEDICAL CENTER BUT ALL OUR NURSES AT KING DREW  
11   MEDICAL CENTER ARE OUTSTANDING, IN SPITE OF THE SCRUTINY THAT  
12   WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH, WE ALL REPRESENT THE PATIENTS IN THE  
13   SECOND DISTRICT AND WE LOVE THEM AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK  
14   HARD SO THAT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER WILL BE ON THE TOP OF  
15   HER LIST NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17   **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AND NOW FROM SOUTHWEST  
18   AREA, HUBERT HUMPHREY COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CENTER, WE HAVE  
19   HINE CHEN. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

20

21   **HINE CHEN:** MY NAME IS HINE CHEN. I AM WORKING AT THE HUBERT  
22   HUMPHREY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD  
23   LIKE TO THANK MY GOD, THAT HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING DONE IN MY  
24   LIFE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I  
25   WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY DIRECTOR OF NURSE, IDA COLLINS. I'M NOT



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1 REALLY THAT EXCEPTIONAL NURSE IN HUBERT HUMPHREY BUT THEY GIVE  
2 ME A LOT OF SUPPORT AND THEY MADE MY LIFE SO HAPPY WORKING IN  
3 THAT AREA. I WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN MY FULL EXTENT OF MY  
4 NURSING SKILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AND FROM HARBOR  
7 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, IDA VINAS. [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **IDA VINAS:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. FIRST AND FOREMOST,  
10 I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING  
11 HERE TODAY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF YOU HAVE  
12 APPLIED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT IN BEING HERE. IT IS  
13 BECAUSE OF YOU THAT THIS IS A TRUE HONOR. ALL OF YOU NURSES  
14 HERE THAT WE ALL TAKE PRIDE IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS  
15 SYSTEM OF HEALTHCARE. ALTHOUGH I AM HERE TO RECEIVE THE  
16 RECOGNITION OF THIS AWARD, IT IS VITAL THAT I RECOGNIZE THAT I  
17 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE THAT I MAKE EVERY DAY  
18 WITHOUT THOSE WHO WORK WITH ME. THE TEAM ENVIRONMENT THAT  
19 MICHAEL AND I SHARE IN I.C.U. IS TRULY CRITICAL TO MAKE THE  
20 DIFFERENCE. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO  
21 DEDICATE THIS AWARD TO THEM, BECAUSE I RECOGNIZE THAT,  
22 ALTHOUGH ONE NURSE MAY MAKE KEY CONTRIBUTIONS, IT IS WITHIN  
23 THE SYSTEM OF OUR TEAM IN I.C.U. THAT WE POSITIVELY INFLUENCE  
24 PEOPLES AND PROVIDE THE BEST CARE THAT PATIENTS DESERVE. THANK  
25 YOU AGAIN AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. MARIA PEREZ FROM  
3 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER COASTAL CLUSTER CLINICS COULD NOT BE  
4 WITH US TODAY BUT WE CONGRATULATE HER AS WELL AND WE'D LIKE TO  
5 TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF... SUPERVISOR KNABE... OH, WE DIDN'T GET  
6 THAT. OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US  
7 BECAUSE WE KIND OF SHARE-- IT MAY BE IN MY DISTRICT BUT  
8 IT'S...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO HONOR THREE OF OUR  
11 OUTSTANDING NURSES FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL,  
12 JEAN KIRBY FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. [  
13 APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **JEAN KIRBY:** YES. GOOD MORNING AND I'M HONORED TO BE HERE  
16 TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO, FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD, THOUGH, I'D  
17 LIKE TO SAY THAT ALL OF THE NURSES AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
18 FIRE DEPARTMENT, AS EDUCATORS, DESERVE THIS HONOR. HOWEVER,  
19 THE AGENDA ONLY CALLED FOR ONE OF US TO BE VOTED IN SO I'D  
20 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY PEERS FOR VOTING ME TO THIS  
21 POSITION TO HONOR THEM AND TO REPRESENT THEM. THANK YOU. [  
22 APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OUR NEXT RECIPIENT, MYLA MORENON FROM  
25 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS REHABILITATION CENTER IS NOT HERE TODAY BUT



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1 TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL ON HER BEHALF IS HER NURSE MANAGER,  
2 ZENIDA BOSE. DID I SAY THAT CORRECT? ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **ZENIDA BOSE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MYLA... I'M PRETTY SURE  
5 THAT MYLA WOULD APPRECIATE THE TIME TODAY IF SHE WAS HERE BUT  
6 I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYBODY, AND ESPECIALLY THE  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY FOR-- TO SUPERVISOR KNABE  
8 FOR KEEPING RANCHO OPEN SO WE CAN CONTINUE THE GREAT WORK THAT  
9 WE DO AT RANCHO. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
12 KRISTEN MUNDY. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **KRISTEN MUNDY:** I'M VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO WORK IN A  
15 PROGRAM WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH, ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE  
16 CONTROL PROGRAM, WHOSE PROGRAM GOALS AND MY OWN PERSONAL GOALS  
17 ARE ALIGNED IN MY PURSUIT FOR EXCELLENCE AND COMMITMENT TO  
18 SERVING THE COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
19 THANK THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME  
20 TO HAVE THIS RECOGNITION, ESPECIALLY MY SUPERVISOR, DR. DAVID  
21 DASSY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WE  
24 HAVE LISA CHAVEZ, WHO IS GRADUATE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY



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1 COLLEGE, EIGHT YEARS AS A NURSE AND FIVE YEARS AT HIGH DESERT  
2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLINIC, AND WE CONGRATULATE LISA. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HONGA NUYEN, WHO IS A REGISTERED NURSE,  
5 GRADUATE OF PIERCE COLLEGE AND FOUR YEARS AS A NURSE AT THE  
6 VALLEY CARE OLIVE VIEW U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LYDIA OMEGA FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
9 RESIDENT WORKS AT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER IN VAN NUYS,  
10 AND SHE'S BEEN A NURSE FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS FOR THE COUNTY OF  
11 LOS ANGELES. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LINDA WASHINGTON HAS BEEN A NURSE SINCE  
14 1988, GRADUATED THE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE AND RESIDENT OF THE  
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS, AND SHE'S A REGISTERED  
16 NURSE AT THE JUVENILE HEALTH CENTER'S CHALLENGER MEMORIAL  
17 YOUTH CENTER IN LANCASTER. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME DO... SO, AT THIS TIME, ON BEHALF OF  
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL, THE  
21 NURSE'S RECOGNITION WEEK, TO KAREN LYNCH, WHO IS THE CHIEF  
22 NURSING OFFICE, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION  
23 CLINIC AND CONGRATULATE HER IN RECEIVING THIS ON BEHALF ALL OF  
24 THE NURSES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [ APPLAUSE ]

25



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1   **KAREN LYNCH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT'S A GREAT  
2   PLEASURE TO BE HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE NURSES OF LOS  
3   ANGELES COUNTY. I'D LOVE TO HAVE A DAY WHERE WE COULD HAVE ALL  
4   5,000 OR SO PARADE ACROSS THE STAGE BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL  
5   WONDERFUL, THEY'RE DEDICATED. YOU SAW MANY HERE TODAY WHO HAVE  
6   DEDICATED THEIR LIVES, NOT JUST THEIR CAREER, BUT THEIR LIVES  
7   TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND, ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF NURSING  
8   OFFICERS, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE EVERY LAST ONE OF THOSE NURSES.  
9   WE DO SO AT OUR OWN FACILITIES AND THIS IS A WEEK OF  
10  CELEBRATION, NOT TO MENTION THAT, PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE MONTH,  
11  WE TRY AND CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT WE ARE A DIVERSE GROUP,  
12  DIVERSE WORKFORCE, WE WORK IN MANY AREAS ACROSS LOS ANGELES,  
13  FROM CLINICS TO HOSPITALS TO THE JUVENILE AREAS AND ON AND ON  
14  GOES THE LIST. BUT WE DO APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION AND WE ARE  
15  HERE TO SERVE AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE? DR. GARTHWAITE, DIRECTOR OF  
18  HEALTH.

19

20  **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO JUST ECHO WHAT  
21  THE-- WAS JUST SAID BECAUSE I THINK THAT, MORE AND MORE WE SEE  
22  IN THE TIME OF GREAT NURSING SHORTAGE, THAT IT'S CRITICALLY  
23  IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ONLY ATTRACT EVERY NURSE THAT WE CAN BUT  
24  WE RETAIN EVERY NURSE THAT WE CAN. WE ARE COMPLETELY DEDICATED  
25  TO THAT FORMULA IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE HOPE THAT ALL THE NURSES



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1 HERE WILL GO OUT AND HELP US RECRUIT ADDITIONAL NURSES BECAUSE  
2 WE REALLY NEED THAT TO DELIVER CARE TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A GREAT MONTH.  
4 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO OF OUR  
7 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, GINGER BARNARD AND CHRIS VIGUERIA, BOTH OF  
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, FOR THEIR RECENT  
9 ELECTIONS TO POSITIONS WITH PROTOCOL AND DIPLOMACY  
10 INTERNATIONAL, WHICH IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL ASSOCIATION.  
11 GINGER, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, WAS  
12 ELECTED TO A TWO-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT, AND CHRIS, AS  
13 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, WHO WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF  
14 DIRECTORS. THEY HAVE PLANNED EVENTS AND ITINERARIES FOR  
15 NUMEROUS CHIEFS OF STAFFS, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, MEMBERS OF  
16 ROYAL FAMILIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES FROM THE  
17 KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN, THE EMPEROR AND KING OF-- EMPEROR OF--  
18 - EMPRESS OF JAPAN AND OTHER DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING THE  
19 PRESIDENTS OF ARMENIA, CHINA, SPAIN, AND THE PRIME MINISTERS  
20 OF AUSTRALIA-- AUSTRIA, JAPAN, AND KOREA. AND GINGER, WHO HAS  
21 BEEN WITH THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL FOR 21 YEARS, WHERE SHE IS  
22 RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH THE 87 COUNTRIES THAT COMPRISE  
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S CONSULATE CORPS, THE SECOND LARGEST IN  
24 THE UNITED STATES, AND THE THIRD LARGEST CONSULATE CORPS IN  
25 THE WORLD, WHERE MANY OF OUR CONSULATES HOLD THE RANK OF



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1 AMBASSADOR. CHRIS HAS DEVELOPED COUNTY ITINERARIES FOR  
2 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS REPRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
3 AT EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CONSULAR COMMUNITY AND PLANNED  
4 COORDINATED EVENTS FOR THE CONSULAR CORPS LADIES ASSOCIATION.  
5 AS THE ONE WHO INITIATED THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, I'M VERY  
6 PLEASED AT THE PROFESSIONALISM AND THE ABILITY OF GINGER AND  
7 CHRIS AND SANDY AUSMAN'S ABILITY TO HOST THESE VARIOUS  
8 INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, CONFERENCES, AND VISITORS TO OUR COUNTY.  
9 AND SO, GINGER, LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION FIRST. [  
10 APPLAUSE ]

11  
12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CHRIS, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS. [  
13 APPLAUSE ]

14  
15 **GINGER BARNARD:** THANK YOU. I'M VERY HUMBLLED TO RECEIVE THIS  
16 RECOGNITION. IT WAS A GREAT HONOR TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF  
17 THE INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION BUT IT  
18 WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, WITHOUT THE 21 YEARS  
19 OF EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS TO HOST AND PLAN EVENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL  
21 DIGNITARIES AND DO LIAISON WITH THE CONSULAR CORPS. IT'S BEEN  
22 A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO WORK IN THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND IT'S  
23 BEEN A TEAM EFFORT, AND WE HAVE TWO OF OUR OTHER TEAM MEMBERS  
24 IN THE AUDIENCE: CINDY MENDOZA AND SANDY TORRES, WITHOUT WHOM  
25 CHRIS AND I COULDN'T DO THIS JOB. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **GINGER BARNARD:** BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE OF  
4 PROTOCOL AND FOR THEIR RECOGNITION AS TO HOW IMPORTANT THE  
5 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BUSINESS AND TRADE AND TOURISM IS TO  
6 OUR COUNTY'S VIABILITY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **CHRIS VIGUERIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS RECOGNITION.  
9 I AM HUMBLY ACCEPTING IT. I HAVE ENJOYED SERVING THE BOARD IN  
10 THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH THE 86  
11 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE L.A. CONSULAR CORPS. AND, AGAIN,  
12 I WANT TO ECHO THE VOICES OF THE NURSES SAYING I COULD NOT  
13 HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT THE MANY, MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT I  
14 WORK WITH ON A DAILY BASIS WHO HELP ME PLAN ITINERARIES IN THE  
15 VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SO I THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND  
16 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS-- COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR ASSEMBLING A  
17 COUNTY WORKFORCE THAT IS DEDICATED AND HARD WORKING. THANK  
18 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR  
21 EDUCATORS AND THAT IS DONALD HAYES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
22 COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR HER WORK WITH KATHY'S  
23 WORKFORCE STUDENTS AT THE SOLE COUNSELOR AT HOLLENCREST MIDDLE  
24 SCHOOL IN WEST COVINA IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. DURING THE  
25 PAST SEVEN YEARS AT HOLLENCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL, KATHY HAS



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1   CREATED BULLY- PROOFING OF OUR SCHOOL WEEK, WHICH INCORPORATES  
2   DAILY LESSONS ON THE RISING INCIDENCE OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR  
3   AMONG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS BULLIES  
4   WHO PICK ON OTHERS BECAUSE IT MAKES THEM FEEL MORE POWERFUL OR  
5   ACTING OUT SCENES IN VIOLENT MOVIES OR VIDEO GAMES, ARE PUT  
6   THROUGH A TWO-MONTH ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSE. HER JOB ALSO  
7   INCLUDES SCHEDULING CLASSES AND MEETING WITH EDUCATORS,  
8   PARENTS, AND STUDENTS DURING REGULAR CONFERENCES ON AN  
9   INDIVIDUAL BASIS, THAT SHE OFTEN TAKES HOME TO FINISH AT NIGHT  
10   AND ON WEEKENDS. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE ALSO-- WITH KATHY  
11   IS WALLY COOK, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF HOLLENCREST MIDDLE  
12   SCHOOL. KATHY? [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14   **KATHY TURNEY:** I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HONORING ME  
15   TODAY. I AM HERE REPRESENTING OVER A THOUSAND SCHOOL  
16   COUNSELORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHO WORK EVERY  
17   DAY VERY HARD TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN NOT ONLY SUCCEED  
18   ACADEMICALLY, BUT EMOTIONALLY. I'M ONE OF THOSE LUCKY PEOPLE  
19   THAT LOVES TO GO TO WORK EVERY DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [  
20   APPLAUSE ]

21

22   **WALLY COOK:** ON BEHALF OF THE WEST COVINA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
23   HOLLENCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE  
24   CATHY BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE REAL REASON I WAS HERE IS, IN



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1 CASE SHE FAINTED, I WAS GOING TO PICK HER UP AND FAN HER TO  
2 RECOVERY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ONE OF OUR  
5 GREAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS, JOSE OVALLE, WHO  
6 RESCUED A VICTIM WHO WAS TRAPPED IN A BURNING VEHICLE. ON  
7 APRIL 13TH, AROUND 2:30 A.M., HE WAS OFF DUTY AND DRIVING  
8 NORTHBOUND ON THE 5 FREEWAY WHEN HE NOTICED A VEHICLE STOPPED  
9 IN THE CENTER DIVIDER FULLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES NEAR RIVERSIDE  
10 DRIVE. NOTICING THAT THERE WERE NO EMERGENCY VEHICLES AROUND  
11 OR PERSONNEL AT THE SCENE, HE CAME BACK AND RENDERED  
12 ASSISTANCE. AS HE APPROACHED THE VEHICLE, HE NOTICED A FEMALE  
13 VICTIM WHO WAS TRAPPED WITH HER HAIR ON FIRE. HE IMMEDIATELY  
14 RETRIEVED A CROW BAR FROM HIS VEHICLE, BROKE OUT THE REAR  
15 WINDOW AND RESCUED THE VICTIM. HE THEN QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED  
16 HER BURNING HAIR AND CLOTHES AND MOVED HER TO A POSITION OF  
17 SAFETY AND WAITED UNTIL THE EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ARRIVED. THE  
18 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE  
19 INCIDENT STATED THAT HIS QUICK ACTION SAVED THE LIFE OF THIS  
20 TRAPPED VICTIM, WHO ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE PERISHED HAD  
21 DEPUTY OVALLE NOT PULLED HER FROM THE BURNING VEHICLE WHICH  
22 CAUSED BURNS TO THE VICTIM'S HEAD. AND ATTENDING THE-- TODAY  
23 IS HIS CAPTAIN, ART NIG, AND ALSO HIS MOTHER, SONYA OVALLE,  
24 AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, CYNTHIA DE LA CRUZ. SO, JOSE,  
25 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **JOSE OVALLE:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS FOR THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING THIS  
4 AWARD. I JUST DID WHAT ANY OTHER L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF  
5 WOULD HAVE DONE. WE'RE TRAINED TO HELP PEOPLE AND IT'S IN THE  
6 TRADITION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE  
7 COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW, YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF BLACK BART.  
10 WELL, THIS IS ORANGE BART. THIS IS A EIGHT WEEK OLD DOMESTIC  
11 LONG HAIR NAMED BART WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF ANYBODY  
12 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT BART, SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SEE  
13 EVERYBODY? SEE EVERYBODY OUT THERE? SO THOSE AT HOME WATCHING  
14 CAN CALL AREA CODE (562)728-4644 OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO  
15 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE BART. SO, SEE EVERYBODY? WANT TO  
16 SAY SOMETHING? ANYBODY FOR BART? THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WOW.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME JUST A SECOND, SUPERVISOR. COULD  
23 I ASK EVERYONE IF YOU WOULD JUST SORT OF KEEP THE NOISE DOWN  
24 SO WE COULD GIVE THE PROPER RECOGNITION TO OUR HONOREES,  
25 PLEASE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT THIS NEXT GROUP  
3 OF FOLKS. THEY'RE ALL COMING UP. THESE ARE YOUR CHAMPIONS OF  
4 THE DAY. WE'RE VERY PROUD. THIS IS ST. THOMAS AQUINAS BOYS'  
5 BASKETBALL TEAMS AND THE NEW 2004 CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION  
6 CHAMPIONSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMEN. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF  
7 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THIS IS A TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR  
10 THESE YOUNG MEN AND IT CERTAINLY IS A SYMBOL OF WHAT SPORTS  
11 CAN DO TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE  
12 WHO HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSONS WELL, UNDERSTAND THEIR  
13 RESPONSIBILITY AND THEIR DUTY AND THEY'RE VERY DEDICATED, AND  
14 I CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE. THEY'VE DONE AN  
15 EXCELLENT JOB AND SO WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM. THIS TEAM  
16 IS COACHED BY A GENTLEMEN WHO HAS BEEN A REAL INSPIRATION TO  
17 EACH AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM, MR. MANUEL GONZALEZ. COACH  
18 GONZALEZ HAS SACRIFICED COUNTLESS WEEKENDS AND PERSONAL TIME  
19 IN ORDER TO MOLD THESE BOYS INTO THE CHAMPIONSHIP UNIT THAT  
20 THEY ARE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEP APPRECIATION AND  
21 GRATITUDE TO COACH GONZALEZ FOR LEADING THESE YOUNG MEN INTO  
22 CHAMPIONSHIP. AND SO WE WANT TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO HIM. [  
23 APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE I LET ALL OF THEM SPEAK, I WANT TO MAKE  
2    SOME OF THE OTHER PRESENTATIONS AS WELL. THE SPORTS DIRECTOR  
3    HAS ALSO PROVIDED AN AWFUL LOT OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO  
4    THIS TEAM AND CERTAINLY TO THE YOUNG MEN, AND WE WANT TO  
5    ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPORTS DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL, GEORGE  
6    RETHANA, AND PRINCIPAL RITA DURAN FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK.  
7    [ APPLAUSE ]

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9    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
10    CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU. OKAY. AND I WANT TO MAKE  
11    PRESENTATIONS TO EACH OF THESE YOUNG MEN. I HOPE WE HAVE THEM  
12    ALL IN ORDER. THESE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF THEIR  
13    ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ALL THE PARENTS ARE HERE TAKING ALL--  
14    SNAPPING THESE PICTURES. LET ME BEGIN WITH NICOLAS IGEEVA.  
15    NICOLAS, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17    **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAVE CHRISTOPHER BURKE. CHRISTOPHER? [   
18    APPLAUSE ]

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20    **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. SIDNEY BURKE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22    **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS, SIDNEY. JOSHUA GOMBALVO. [   
23    APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. JUSTIN QUADDIS. [ APPLAUSE  
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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. DENNIS LIMB. DENNIS,  
5   CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND BRANDON BARGA. BRANDON? [ APPLAUSE ]

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. THERE YOU GO. VALENTIN RAMIREZ.  
10   CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** CHRISTIAN ROBLISS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14   **SUP. MOLINA:** TYREE TUMOR. CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. ANDREW VARGAS.  
15   [ APPLAUSE ]

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS. AND WESLEY  
18   LAING-- WANG. EXCUSE ME, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE I LET THEM GO, I WANT TO CALL UP THE COACH  
21   TO SHARE A COUPLE OF WORDS, IF YOU WOULD. WE'RE VERY PROUD, WE  
22   CONGRATULATE YOU BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE KNOW THE KIND OF  
23   PERSONAL TIME THAT YOU'VE TAKEN TO HELP THESE YOUNG MEN AND  
24   WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE CONTRIBUTION YOU'VE MADE IN LEADING  
25   THEM TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP, SO PLEASE SHARE A FEW WORDS.



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**MANUAL GONZALES:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE PARENTS FOR  
ALLOWING ME TO-- OR GIVING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COACHING YOUR  
KIDS. SECOND, I WANT TO THANK THE PRINCIPAL, MISS RITA DURAN,  
THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, GEORGE, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO COACH AT ST. THOMAS, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AWARD AND THE AWARD IN-- PRESENTING THESE  
KIDS WITH THESE AWARDS. THEY'VE EARNED IT. THEY'VE WORKED  
REALLY HARD FOR IT AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY EXCEPT  
THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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**SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S TAKE ONE PICTURE. I GOT  
HIGH HEELS ON. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

14

**SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. EVERYBODY A LITTLE CLOSER. ALL RIGHT.

16

**SUP. MOLINA:** DO THEY GET FREE TICKETS? THEY'RE ENTITLED. IS  
THAT THE LAST PICTURE? THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE, DO YOU HAVE  
ANY PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. THEN WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

22

**CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL ASK ALL THOSE WHO  
PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO PLEASE

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1 STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, AND BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING  
2 OATH ]

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. ITEM NUMBER  
5 1, HEARING ON THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
6 FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEWER  
7 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL SEWER PRICE  
8 CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, AND AN  
9 INCREASE IN THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE  
10 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER  
11 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE RECEIVED  
12 WRITTEN PROTEST ON THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND WE DO HAVE A REQUIRED STAFF  
15 STATEMENT ON THIS AS WELL AS WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS  
16 ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS. SO WE'LL HAVE STAFF HEAR THE  
17 PRESENTATION, THEN I WOULD INVITE MRS. LOIS THOMPSON TO COME  
18 FORWARD, PLEASE.

19

20 **MANNY DELRAY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MANNY DELRAY. I'M  
21 ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH PUBLIC WORKS.

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23 **KEITH LAYTO:** MY NAME IS KEITH LAYTO AND I'M A PRINCIPAL  
24 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
25 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO APPROVE THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE



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1 ANNUAL REPORT WHICH PROVIDES FOR MAINTAINING SEWER SERVICE  
2 CHARGES IN THE COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AT THE  
3 RECURRENT RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005, EXCEPT FOR THE  
4 FOLLOWING TWO INCREASES: TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE  
5 CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BY  
6 \$5.00, FROM \$17.50 TO \$22.50 PER SEWAGE UNIT; TO INCREASE THE  
7 ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE ACCUMULATIVE  
8 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
9 DISTRICT BY \$4.00, FROM \$4.00 TO \$8.00 PER SEWAGE UNIT, AND TO  
10 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL.  
11 SEWER SERVICE ANNUAL CHARGE REPORT WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE  
12 AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO  
13 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED  
14 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO OFFSET RISING OPERATION AND  
15 MAINTENANCE COSTS, TO INCREASE THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER  
16 SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND OF  
17 THAT DISTRICT, TO ESTABLISH A CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND  
18 TO RETAIN ALL OTHER SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING  
19 RATES. IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO COLLECT  
20 ALL THE SEWER CHARGES WITHIN THE COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE  
21 DISTRICTS ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST  
22 ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES FROM EFFECTIVE PROPERTY  
23 OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED  
24 AND WE ARE AWARE OF 17 WRITTEN PROTESTS.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE THE TESTIMONY NOW. OKAY. MRS.  
2    THOMPSON.

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4    **LOIS THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS MRS. LOIS EVELYN THOMPSON. I HAVE  
5    NINE ITEMS OF CONCERN. IN THE 2002 NOTICE FOR PROPOSED SERVICE  
6    CHARGE INCREASES, THIS CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
7    STATED THERE ARE ABOUT 90 MILES OF SEWER LINES REMAINING TO BE  
8    REHABILITATED OVER THE NEXT 13 YEARS. THE DISTRICT IS NOW IN  
9    THE THIRD YEAR OF THE 13-YEAR REHABILITATION PROCESS. WHAT  
10   JURISDICTIONS ARE THE 90 MILES OF SEWER LINES LOCATED? HOW  
11   MANY SEWAGE UNITS ARE INVOLVED? AND HOW ARE THE MILES OF SEWER  
12   LINES IDENTIFIED THAT ARE IN NEED OF REHABILITATION? TWO, IT  
13   IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHY THE COUNTY CAN'T USE THE CURRENT  
14   PERSONNEL IT HAS NOW FOR THE 816,000 SEWAGE UNITS BEING  
15   SERVICED BY THE DISTRICT INSTEAD OF ADDING ANOTHER LAYER OF  
16   BUREAUCRACY BY ESTABLISHING A CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM,  
17   THEN BURNING TAXPAYERS WITH AN INCREASE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE.  
18   WHY CAN'T CURRENT PERSONNEL BE USED? THREE, THE ACCUMULATE OF  
19   CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND ESTIMATES THE ANNUAL COST FOR THE  
20   CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IS \$3 MILLION FOR APPROXIMATELY  
21   816,000 SEWAGE UNITS SERVICED BY THE DISTRICT. SINCE THE  
22   DISTRICT IS USING ESTIMATES AND APPROXIMATES, WHEN I DIVIDED  
23   THE THREE MILLION BY THE NUMBER OF APPROXIMATE SEWAGE UNITS,  
24   THE ANSWER IS \$3.67. THEREFORE, THE DISTRICT IS OVERCHARGING  
25   BURDEN TAXPAYERS 33 CENTS MORE. FOUR, DOES ANY OF THE



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1 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY GO TO ANY JURISDICTIONS? FIVE,  
2 SINCE EACH CITY WOULD BE APPRAISED AS TO THE CONDITION OF  
3 THEIR SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY  
4 OF UPGRADING THE DETERIORATED SECTION WITHIN THEIR  
5 JURISDICTION, HOW DOES THE DISTRICT DETERMINE WHAT PERCENTAGE  
6 OF THE A.C.M. GOES TO THE CITY FOR UPGRADING? SIX, IN WHAT  
7 ACCOUNT DOES THE COUNTY KEEP THE BALANCE TO BE USED TO FUND  
8 UNEXPECTED SYSTEM DAMAGE, EQUIPMENT PLACEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE  
9 REVENUE FOR LAWSUITS AND LITIGATIONS? SEVEN, HOW IS THE MONEY  
10 AND ANY INTEREST IT GENERATES ALLOCATED IF IT IS NOT USED FOR  
11 SYSTEM DAMAGE, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND OR PROVIDE REVENUE  
12 FOR LAWSUITS AND LITIGATION? EIGHT, THE FIVE-DOLLAR INCREASE  
13 THE DISTRICT IS REQUESTING FAR EXCEEDS THE INCREASE OF THE  
14 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS WELL AS THE PRODUCER PRICE INDEX. IT  
15 IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHY THE DISTRICT IS UNABLE TO MENTION AN  
16 INCREASE OF \$1.50 OR \$19 PER SEWAGE UNIT. AN INCREASE OF \$1.50  
17 SHOULD ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCE TO  
18 HANDLE ANY EXIGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR EQUIPMENT  
19 REPLACEMENT. THE INTEREST THAT ANY OF THIS MONEY GENERATES  
20 THEN NEEDS TO BE PLACED IN AN ACCOUNT TO HANDLE ANY LAWSUITS  
21 OR LITIGATIONS. AND, AT \$1.50 WITH THIS APPROXIMATION OF  
22 816,000 UNITS, THAT COMES TO \$1,224,000 A YEAR AND THAT WOULD  
23 BE \$102,000 PER MONTH. THANK YOU.  
24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **MANNY DELRAY:** THE CURRENT A.C.O. PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED BACK  
3 IN 1987. IT WAS CREATED TO BASICALLY ALLOW US TO REHABILITATE  
4 DAMAGED SEWER LINES. AT THAT TIME, WE HAD GONE THROUGH AND DID  
5 A INSPECTION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM. THIS INSPECTION WAS  
6 BASICALLY-- CONSISTED OF A MANHOLE INSPECTION TO IDENTIFY  
7 WHERE THERE WERE CEMENT PIPE SEWERS THAT NEEDED TO BE  
8 REHABILITATED. THE SEWERS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE  
9 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, WHICH IS BASICALLY  
10 ALL OF THE SEWER PORTIONS OF THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA  
11 AND 40 CITIES THAT BASICALLY HAVE ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE THE  
12 SERVICE FOR THEM UNDER A CONSENT JURISDICTION. THE FUND THAT  
13 IS-- THAT-- WHERE WE KEEP THE MONIES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED  
14 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IS GA-9 AND J-14, IT'S A FUND  
15 THAT'S MANAGED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AND ANY INTEREST THAT IS  
16 GENERATED STAYS WITHIN THE FUND. ALL OF THE MONIES THAT ARE  
17 COLLECTED FROM THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES GO INTO THESE FUNDS  
18 AND IS USED STRICTLY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
19 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. THE PROJECTS ARE  
20 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. ANYWHERE THROUGHOUT THE  
21 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA, WE HAVE PROJECTS AND WE ALSO HAVE  
22 PROJECTS WITHIN THE 40 CITIES THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED SERVICE  
23 TO. THE RATE INCREASE THAT WE'RE PROPOSING, THE \$9.00, IS  
24 BROKEN UP INTO TWO PARTS: IT'S A \$5.00 RATE INCREASE WHICH IS  
25 FOR OUR CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, OUR OPERATION



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1 AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. IN THERE, WE ARE ASKING FOR \$3.00 TO-  
2 - BASICALLY, TO ALLOW US PROVIDING THE SERVICE THAT WE  
3 CONTINUE TO-- CURRENTLY PROVIDE. WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR A  
4 DOLLAR TO ALLOW US TO BASICALLY IMPROVE AND KEEP OUR  
5 SPECIALIZED FLEET OF EQUIPMENT IN GOOD REPAIR. THE EQUIPMENT  
6 THAT WE USE IS VERY SPECIALIZED, THE ROUTER TRUCKS AND THE  
7 HYDRO TRUCKS COST, YOU KNOW, OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.  
8 THE HYDRO TRUCKS COST \$250,000. WE GOT SEVERAL OF THOSE AT OUR  
9 YARDS AND TO REPAIR THOSE AND REPLACE THEM ON A REGULAR CYCLE  
10 IS NEEDED. WE NEED THE A.C.O. PROGRAM FOR THE CONDITION  
11 ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. THAT'S \$400 OF THE RATE INCREASE. WE ARE  
12 ASKING-- WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A CONDITION ASSESSMENT  
13 PROGRAM TO ALLOW US TO COMPLY WITH THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL  
14 PROTECTION AGENCIES AND THE ORIGINAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
15 BOARDS, SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW REGULATIONS. IN THESE  
16 REGULATIONS, THEY BASICALLY REQUIRE THAT ALL SEWER OWNERS AND  
17 OPERATORS BE PROACTIVE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY BASICALLY SPELL OUT THAT THEY EXPECT  
19 SEWER OWNERS AND OPERATORS HAVE A CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
20 WHERE THEY WILL ANNUALLY VIDEOTAPE THE SEWER LINES TO KNOW THE  
21 CONDITION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE PIPES. THAT IS A PROGRAM THAT  
22 WE CURRENTLY DO NOT PROVIDE.  
23



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A QUESTION. I MEAN, IN THE FUTURE,  
2    CAN THESE RATES BE REDUCED SHOULD THESE FUNDS BE SUFFICIENT,  
3    THESE INCREASES?

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5    **MANNY DELRAY:** YEAH. EVERY YEAR, WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD  
6    EVERY YEAR WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT AND...

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED FOR AN  
9    INCREASE?

10

11    **MANNY DELRAY:** WE ASKED FOR IT IN 2002/2003.

12

13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, WE CAN CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
14    HEARING.

15

16    **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU. THERE ARE NO  
17    BALLOTS IN THIS.

18

19    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL THEN SET THIS ASIDE. WE'LL  
20    CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SET IT A SIDE, BECAUSE IT'S A FOUR-  
21    VOTE ITEM. OKAY. THEN, BEFORE WE GO TO ITEM NUMBER TWO, I--  
22    THANK YOU, MRS. THOMPSON. THEN I'M GOING TO ASK ITEM NUMBER  
23    17, THERE WAS A COUPLE SPEAKERS ON THE-- OR A SPEAKER.

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25    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE GOING TO 17? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. DELY ARNOLD FROM HAMILTON HIGH AND  
3 SUSAN RABINOUIT. IF THEY'D COME FORWARD.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE TWO CARDS AND I HAVE 12 PEOPLE  
6 UP HERE.

7

8 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** RIGHT. YOU'LL FIGURE IF OUT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT?

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12 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** UH HUH.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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16 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** THERE'S ONLY THREE OF US WHO ARE GOING TO  
17 SPEAK. I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. PLEASE PROCEED.

20

21 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** MY NAME IS SUSAN RABINOUIT AND I'M THE  
22 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADOLESCENT MEDICINE AT CHILDREN'S  
23 HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS FOR DECLARING MAY AS NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY  
25 PREVENTION MONTH AND JOINING WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND



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1 THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITIES AND  
2 COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES IN  
3 JOINING IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY AND PROVIDE  
4 YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE SERVICES AND THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED  
5 IN ORDER TO GROW UP TO BE HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ADULTS.  
6 DESPITE THE RECENT DECLINE IN TEEN PREGNANCY IN CALIFORNIA,  
7 MORE THAN 55,000 TEENS IN CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE BABIES IN THIS  
8 YEAR AND THE CURRENT ANNUAL COST TO TAXPAYERS IS ESTIMATED TO  
9 BE 1.5 BILLION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE REST OF THE STATE  
10 ARE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION  
11 EFFORTS. AS WE FACE LOOMING BUDGET CRISES AND A BURGEONING  
12 YOUTH POPULATION, ADULTS, LEGISLATORS, POLICY MAKERS HAVE AN  
13 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE EDUCATION,  
14 OPPORTUNITIES, AND HEALTH SERVICES THEY NEED IN ORDER TO  
15 PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY. I'M HERE WITH TWO PEOPLE TODAY WHO  
16 HAVE JOINED TOGETHER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH YOUTH  
17 AND ADULTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT  
18 TEEN PREGNANCY IN OUR COMMUNITY. FIRST, JENNA BAUMAN, WHO IS  
19 THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY TEEN PROJECT IS GOING  
20 TO SPEAK. AND THE HOLLYWOOD TEEN COMMUNITY PROJECT IS PART OF  
21 THE EFFORT OF THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION TO PREVENT  
22 TEEN PREGNANCY IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. AND THEN  
23 DELLE ARNOLD, WHO IS A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS A GRADUATING HIGH  
24 SCHOOL SENIOR FROM HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL, THE MOTHER OF A ONE-  
25 YEAR-OLD, THE PROUD MOTHER OF A ONE-YEAR-OLD, AND PARTICIPANT



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1 IN PROJECT NAY-TEEN, ONE OF THE FIVE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE  
2 PROGRAMS, CAL-LEARN PROGRAMS IN L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO SPEAK.  
3 AND I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE UP  
4 HERE WITH ME TODAY. WE HAVE CARLA HILL, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF  
5 PROJECT NAY-TEEN, THE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE CAL-LEARN PROGRAM  
6 AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. I HAVE DORLA WATSON, WHO IS THE  
7 DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER, WHICH PROVIDES  
8 A.F.L.P. SERVICES IN THE SOUTH BAY, LONG BEACH, WILMINGTON  
9 COMMUNITIES, SORT OF SERVE THE SOUTH BAY AREA TO CULVER CITY.  
10 I HAVE TRACY LAVIGNE, WHO IS THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE  
11 HOLLYWOOD TEEN COMMUNITY PROJECT. AND ZOSHI IBARRA, WHO WORKS  
12 AT ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES, PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES TO  
13 PREGNANT TEENS AND TEEN PARENTS IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA.  
14 AND IT'S BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO THE ADOLESCENT LIFE PROGRAMS  
15 IN THE COUNTY TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY  
16 AND REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY. AND, WHILE THE PROGRAMS WORK  
17 TOGETHER TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SUCCESS, ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND  
18 ECONOMIC EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR YOUNG PARENTS, WE  
19 ALSO WORK HARD TOGETHER TO PRODUCE-- TO PREVENT SUBSEQUENT  
20 PREGNANCIES AMONG TEEN PARENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. JENNA?

21

22 **JENNA BAUMAN:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
23 DECLARING MAY AS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH IN LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU HAS DEDICATED  
25 YOURSELVES TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY AND WE THANK



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1 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MONUMENTAL TASK. IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE  
2 OF LIMITED FUNDING AND COMPETING PRIORITIES, IT MAY SEEM LIKE  
3 A STRETCH TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING OR EVEN EXPANDING PROJECTS  
4 THAT MIGHT SEEM NON-URGENT, LIKE PREGNANCY PREVENTION,  
5 ESPECIALLY WHEN, AS SUSAN SAID, THE PREGNANCY RATES HAVE  
6 DROPPED IN CALIFORNIA BY 40% IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. HOWEVER,  
7 AND I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS, ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE TEEN  
8 GIRLS STILL BECOMES PREGNANT BEFORE THEY TURN 20 AND, AS IF  
9 THAT ISN'T ENOUGH, AMONG LATINAS, IT'S ONE OUT OF TWO GIRLS  
10 BECOME PREGNANT BEFORE THEY TURN 20. BOTH RESEARCH AND  
11 EXPERIENCE TELL US THAT TEEN PREGNANCY AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES  
12 OF UNPROTECTED SEX OFTEN HAVE AN IMPACT FOR LIFE. AND, UNLIKE  
13 THE REMARKABLE YOUNG WOMEN THAT YOU'LL HEAR FROM NEXT, 80% OF  
14 TEEN MOMS WILL NEVER FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AND MOST OF THEM WILL  
15 RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN POVERTY WITH VERY FEW RESOURCES. THE  
16 COUNTY PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN PREGNANCY PREVENTION BY  
17 PROVIDING ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A.  
18 WHO NEED THEM AND BY SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT HELP TEEN  
19 PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. THE COUNTY  
20 HAS THE CAPACITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TEEN PREGNANCY AND  
21 CAN CONTINUE DOING SO IN FOUR WAYS THAT I'VE LISTED BUT I'M  
22 SURE THERE ARE OTHER WAYS AS WELL. BY PROVIDING CONFIDENTIAL  
23 AND FREE OR LOW COST FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FOR TEENS,  
24 INCLUDING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION; BY OFFERING THESE  
25 SERVICES IN LOCATIONS AND IN WAYS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE AND



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1 FRIENDLY FOR TEEN USERS; BY CONTINUING TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS,  
2 LIKE THE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE OF CAL-LEARN PROGRAM THAT  
3 PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES AND RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR TEENS  
4 THAT DO BECOME PREGNANT; AND BY URGING POLICYMAKERS IN  
5 SACRAMENTO TO CONTINUE REFUSING FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR  
6 ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY REASONS  
7 THAT CALIFORNIA'S BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE OUR TEEN PREGNANCY RATES  
8 BY 40% IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, WHICH IS MORE THAN ANY OTHER  
9 STATE BESIDES ALASKA. WE MUST NOT BECOME COMPLACENT ABOUT TEEN  
10 PREGNANCY PREVENTION NOW IF WE WANT TO HELP YOUNG WOMEN LIKE  
11 DELLE, WHO YOU'LL HEAR FROM NEXT, AND THE REST OF OUR GIRLS TO  
12 STAY HEALTHY, TO STAY IN SCHOOL, AND TO EXPERIENCE THE HOPE  
13 FOR THE FUTURE THAT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN DESERVE. THANK YOU FOR  
14 YOUR TIME, AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DELLE ARNOLD.

15

16 **DELY ARNOLD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DELLE ARNOLD AND I AM A TEEN  
17 PARENT AT PROGRAM NAY-TEEN AND OTHER A.F.L.P.S WHICH HAVE BEEN  
18 GREAT PROGRAMS PROVIDING YOUNG TEEN PARENTS, INCLUDING MYSELF,  
19 WITH THE MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED IN LIFE AND REALIZE  
20 THAT BECOMING A PARENT AT A YOUNG AGE IS NOT AN ENDING, BUT  
21 THE BEGINNING TO A WONDERFUL FUTURE WITH THE APPROPRIATE JOB  
22 TRAINING SKILLS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF KNOWING THAT EDUCATION IS  
23 THE KEY TO SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **JENNA BAUMAN:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY... [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'RE BEING  
5 ATTENTIVE. THERE'S JUST SO MUCH GOING ON THIS MORNING. BUT I  
6 WANT TO SAY THAT I TAKE TREMENDOUS PRIDE IN HAVING ALL OF YOU  
7 HERE AND ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST  
8 CRITICAL ISSUES. IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE REASONS I GOT  
9 INVOLVED, UNFORTUNATELY, IN POLITICS, WHICH HAS LED TO ALL  
10 KINDS OF THINGS. IT'S BEEN A VERY DISTRESSING ISSUE, NOT ONLY  
11 IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, BUT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND, WHEN YOU  
12 START WORKING WITH YOUNG WOMEN, THIS IS A SITUATION THAT  
13 REALLY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. IN THE LEGISLATURE, I WAS PART  
14 OF AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION THAT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THAT  
15 HOPEFULLY CONTINUES IN OUR SCHOOLS AND IT'S WORK THAT NEEDS TO  
16 CONTINUE, BECAUSE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE  
17 IS NOT ONLY THE PREGNANT TEEN, BUT MAKING SURE THAT SHE GETS  
18 BACK INTO SCHOOL AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE HAS  
19 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE OPERATING AND FUNCTIONING FOR  
20 HER. BECAUSE, EVEN AS A PREGNANT TEEN, WE DON'T WANT TO SEE  
21 HER AS A 22-YEAR-OLD WITH THREE OR FOUR CHILDREN AND NOT  
22 HAVING HAD THE BASIC HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. SO I APPLAUD ALL  
23 OF YOUR EFFORTS AND THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT YOU DO AND WE ALL  
24 NEED TO BE REMINDED, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, OF OUR CONTINUING  
25 RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY TO THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF TEEN



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1 PREGNANCY AND THE PREVENTION OF TEEN PREGNANCY. SO THANK YOU  
2 SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION AND, OF COURSE, THE  
3 IMPORTANCE OF DECLARING IT AS TEEN PREGNANCY MONTH. THANK YOU  
4 AGAIN. PREVENTING TEEN PREGNANCY MONTH. EXCUSE ME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO JOIN IN SAYING THAT I HAVE SEEN  
7 SOME EXCELLENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING SCHOOL  
8 SERVICES ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN THE CONTEXT OF EDUCATION  
9 FOR GIRLS WHO ARE-- WHO BECOME PREGNANT AS TEENS. IT'S SO  
10 IMPORTANT THAT YOUNG WOMEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAY IN  
11 SCHOOL IF THEY BECOME PREGNANT. OF COURSE, WE WANT TO HAVE  
12 PREVENTION. THAT'S OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL, PREVENTION OF TEEN  
13 PREGNANCIES. BUT, IF IT DOES OCCUR, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
14 THOSE YOUNG WOMEN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT'S WHAT MANY OF  
15 THE PROGRAMS DO. THEY GIVE THEM A CHANCE FOR THEIR-- THE FACT  
16 THAT THEY HAVE BECOME PREGNANT AND THAT THEY HAVE A SMALL  
17 CHILD WHILE THEY ARE A TEEN, THAT THEY STILL ARE ABLE TO MOVE  
18 FORWARD WITH THEIR LIFE AND I'VE SEEN ONE EXAMPLE OF A YOUNG  
19 WOMAN WHO I KNOW WHEN I WAS AN ATTORNEY, AND IN A MAJOR LAW  
20 FIRM, A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WENT ON TO HARVARD LAW SCHOOL FROM THE  
21 SECOND DISTRICT AFTER SHE HAD A CHILD AS A TEEN. BUT SHE WENT  
22 FORWARD, SHE CONTINUED HER EDUCATION, SHE WENT THROUGH  
23 COLLEGE, SHE WENT TO LAW SCHOOL, AND SHE WAS, AT THAT POINT,  
24 GETTING READY TO MOVE ON WITH HER CAREER. SO LET ME TELL YOU,  
25 IT CAN BE DONE, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.



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2 **JENNA BAUMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUSAN RABINOUIT:** AND BEFORE WE LEAVE, MAYBE DELLE WOULD LIKE  
5 TO SHARE HER PLANS. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN TERMS OF SCHOOL NEXT  
6 YEAR ONCE YOU GRADUATE?

7

8 **DELY ARNOLD:** WELL, ACTUALLY, I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL FOUR  
9 MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME AND I'M JUST WAITING TO GRADUATE IN JUNE.  
10 I'LL BE TRANSFERRING FROM SOUTHWEST COLLEGE INTO CAL STATE  
11 L.A. FOR MY BACHELOR'S AND THEN I HOPE TO GO INTO GRAD SCHOOL  
12 FOR MY PH.D. IN PSYCHOLOGY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1, WHICH  
17 IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. PARDON ME? OKAY, ITEM 17, THE CHAIR WILL  
18 MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
19 ORDERED. BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED,  
20 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, IT'S A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. MOVED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 2 PUBLIC HEARING.

2

3    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE 2004/2005  
4    ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER  
5    COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, HOME INVESTMENT  
6    PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS, AMERICAN DREAMS DOWN PAYMENT  
7    INITIATIVE ACT PROGRAM FUNDS, EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS  
8    FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. ALSO  
9    APPROVAL OF OTHER RELATED ACTIONS. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
10    PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

11

12    **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT, IF THE JUSTICE FOR  
13    JANITORS, WANTED TO COME IN AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND THEN  
14    THEY NEED TO LEAVE. I WAS WONDERING IF WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO  
15    CALL UP PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME AND LISTEN TO THEM.

16

17    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JUST THE ONE SPEAKER?

18

19    **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IF WE COULD.

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21    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE ENTIRE PUBLIC  
22    COMMENT?

23

24    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW. WE COULD DO ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT  
25    NOW AND JUST MOVE THAT OUT OF OUR WAY. CAN WE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE COULD DO THAT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO  
5 NEED A FEW MINUTES TO GET SOME OF HIS PEOPLE IN HERE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT ONLY ONE SPEAKER, THOUGH. RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE JUST HAVE THE ITEM  
12 NUMBER 2 IS BEFORE US.

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT, IN THE ABSENCE OF  
15 TESTIMONY, THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 2 DOES NOT REQUIRE A STAFF  
18 STATEMENT, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ON ITEM NUMBER 2, MOVED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
24 ORDERED.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO, MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE  
2 APPROPRIATE TO TAKE 1-D AND 2-H, AS THEY'RE RELATED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, CAN WE TAKE THEM TOGETHER? 1-D AND 2-  
5 H? OKAY. ON ITEM 1-D AND 2-H, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE WILL  
6 MOVE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO  
7 WE WILL MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT, THEN. DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN AND  
8 LEN FRIEDMAN AND AUBREY MANUEL. I WOULD ASK THAT THOSE THREE  
9 COME FORWARD. OKAY. IF YOU'LL IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD  
10 AND WILL BEGIN SPEAKING. YOU EACH HAVE TWO MINUTES. YOU ARE  
11 MISSING ONE.

12

13 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** WE ARE UNCLEAR WHY WE'VE BEEN CALLED ON  
14 THIS ISSUE. WE ARE HERE NOT TO SPEAK TO A SPECIFIC AGENDA  
15 ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'RE DOING  
18 PUBLIC COMMENT, ALL PUBLIC COMMENT RIGHT NOW. THERE IS NOT A  
19 SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM. AND I'M MISSING ONE PERSON. ARE YOU  
20 BOTH... OKAY. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **LYNN SMALL FRIEDMAN:** GOOD MORNING TO ALL. MY NAME IS LYNN  
23 SMALL FRIEDMAN. IGNORANCE, MALEVOLENCE AND PERMISSIVE  
24 ACCEPTANCE OF SERIAL LANDLORD OFFENDERS HAVE LED TO SERIOUS  
25 HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR NUMEROUS TENANTS IN MANY BUILDINGS



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1 THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY. WITHOUT PROMPT ENFORCEMENT OF  
2 THE ALREADY-EXISTING STATUTES, SUCH AN OFFENDER AS OUR  
3 LANDLORD, MR. LOUIS WILNER, CAN COMMIT MANY VIOLATIONS OVER  
4 SEVERAL YEARS DESPITE THE ISSUANCE OF NUMEROUS COUNTY HEALTH  
5 AND CITY HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS. OUR BUILDING AT 530 AND 532  
6 NORTH SPAULDING AVENUE IN THE FAIRFAX DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES  
7 HAS BEEN ISSUED NUMEROUS ORDERS TO COMPLY THAT HAVE HAD  
8 UNWARRANTED EXTENSIONS FOR COMPLIANCE. THIS ONLY PROVIDES MORE  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREATER HARM AND ENCOURAGES EVER MORE  
10 EGREGIOUS ACTIVITIES. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CURRENTLY EXISTING  
11 LAWS, WHICH COULD BE STRONGER OR MORE STRONGLY ENFORCED, COULD  
12 HAVE STOPPED OUR PARTICULAR LANDLORD. DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF  
13 NUMEROUS CITY AND COUNTY INSPECTORS WHO ISSUED MANY  
14 VIOLATIONS, FURTHER HARM TO OUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONTINUES  
15 TO THIS DAY. PERSONALLY, WE ARE OUT OF PATIENCE AND HAVE BEEN  
16 EFFECTIVELY EXILED FROM OUR HOME. WHILE HIS IGNORANCE AND  
17 CHEAPNESS MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE, HIS INTENT TO HARM IS NOT  
18 ONLY UNFORGIVABLE, IT IS CRIMINAL. WHILE THIS BUILDING IS IN  
19 THE PROCESS OF BEING PLACED IN THE CITY'S REAP PROGRAM AND THE  
20 LANDLORD HAVING BEEN REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
21 FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES, MR.  
22 WILNER'S DAMAGING BEHAVIOR HAS CONTINUED UNABATED. THANK YOU  
23 ALL VERY MUCH.

24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.



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1  
2 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** MY WIFE, SITTING NEXT TO ME, AND I HAVE  
3 BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE 13 YEARS OF AGE. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
4 TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER UP UNTIL RECENTLY. I CAN'T HELP BUT  
5 COMMENT ON THE PRAYER OF MOSES, I FIND IT MOST FITTING AND IT  
6 CONFIRMS MY BELIEF THAT MY WIFE AND I ARE HERE TODAY NOT TO  
7 SPEAK ONLY FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR THE NEWBORN THAT CRIES  
8 ACROSS THE WAY, FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE SISTER BUILDING WHOSE  
9 WINDOWS WERE DRY SCRAPED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO AND WHO HAVE  
10 THEIR WINDOWS WIDE OPEN TODAY. AFTER MANY EFFORTS TO TRY TO  
11 GET OUR BUILDING PROPERLY TESTED, MY WIFE AND I ENGAGED  
12 CERTIFIED INDEPENDENT TESTERS TO COME IN AND TEST OUR  
13 BUILDING. THREE WOOD-- THREE SAMPLES FROM OUR WINDOWS FOUND 70  
14 TO 1,240% ABOVE THE E.P.A. PERMISSIBLE LEVEL, HAZARDOUS LEVEL  
15 FOR LEAD. UNFORTUNATELY, THE 1,240% PAINT SAMPLE CAME FROM OUR  
16 BEDROOM WINDOW WHICH, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, HAD BEEN DRY SCRAPED  
17 AND REPAINTED. WITH NUMEROUS CITY AND COUNTY VIOLATIONS AND  
18 DESPITE NUMEROUS CITY, COUNTY, STATE STATUTES AND LAWS AS WELL  
19 AS THE FEDERAL E.P.A., F.I.F.R.A. SECTION 12 STATEMENT THAT NO  
20 CHEMICAL HAS BEEN REGISTERED OR APPROVED TO REMEDIATE OR  
21 REMOVE MOLD, UNLICENSED WORKERS INJECTED HERBICIDES AND  
22 PESTICIDES INTO THE WALLS OF OUR BUILDING IMMEDIATELY BELOW  
23 OUR APARTMENT ON MAY 6TH WITH NO WARNING WHATSOEVER TO ANY OF  
24 THE TENANTS. THANK GOD THAT MY WIFE WAS OUT RUNNING ERRANDS ON  
25 THAT DAY. OUR APARTMENT HAD BEEN VACANT FOR FIVE MONTHS. MY



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1 WIFE AND I HAD JUST RECEIVED THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS CREATIVE  
2 FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA. WE ARE THE ONLY HUSBAND AND WIFE IN THE  
3 HUNDRED-YEAR HISTORY OF THIS FELLOWSHIP TO RECEIVE IT TWICE.  
4 IT WAS THE FIRST DAY SINCE WE RETURNED NINE WEEKS AGO THAT WE  
5 HAD THE ABILITY OF MY WIFE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AND, WHILE SHE  
6 WAS OUT RUNNING ERRANDS, I WAS AT WORK, ON MY WORK FOR THE  
7 FIRST TIME IN NINE WEEKS AT MY COMPUTER. I BECAME INCREASINGLY  
8 DISORIENTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND, AT 2:30 IN THE AFTERNOON,  
9 FOUND MYSELF GASPING FOR BREATH. I RAN OUT TO THE BACK PORCH,  
10 WHERE MY LANDLORD'S 92-YEAR-OLD MOTHER, WITH AN OPEN ROBE,  
11 TOTALLY DISARRAYED AND COGNITIVELY DYSFUNCTIONAL, AND SHE IS A  
12 SHARP 92-YEAR-OLD LADY, TELLS ME, "DENNIS, I'M SICK. THERE'S  
13 SOMETHING IN THE AIR." SHE WAS RIGHT. ON THAT DAY, ESPECIALLY.  
14 HOWEVER, WE NOW KNOW, THANKS TO A CERTIFIED, EXPENSIVE REPORT  
15 WHICH WE COULDN'T AFFORD BUT WE HAD NO CHOICE, THAT, FOR  
16 YEARS, FOR EVERY DAY FOR YEARS, EXCESSIVE MOLD SPORES, AND NOT  
17 THE GOOD MOLDS AND NOT THE MOLDS THAT ARE IN THE ORDINARY AIR,  
18 BUT THE KIND OF MOLDS THEY CALL BLACK TOXIC MOLD, ARE IN OUR  
19 WALLS GROWING. WE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF  
20 BOTH MOLD AND LEAD PAINT DUST. JUST A FEW STATISTICS, AND...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP, SO IF YOU'D SORT OF WRAP  
23 IT UP, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU...

24



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1 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** WE HAVE FOUND ANYWHERE FROM 70 TO  
2 275,000%, THAT'S 70 TO 275,000%, ABOVE AMBIENT AIR LEVELS ARE  
3 PRESENT IN THE WALL CAVITIES AND IN THE AMBIENT AIR INSIDE OUR  
4 HOME. THIS IS WHAT WE NOW USE TO GO INTO OUR HOME ON THOSE  
5 RARE OCCASIONS THAT WE RETURN TO GATHER SOMETHING PRECIOUS  
6 THAT WE NEED FOR OUR LIFE. AND, AS THE PRAYER OF MOSES SAYS,  
7 WE COUNT THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TO CULL  
8 THEM EVEN MORE DEARLY NOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK  
9 YOU FOR THE EXTRA TIME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE  
12 HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OVER  
13 HERE, THE HEAD OF IT, DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF, HE'S GOING TO VISIT  
14 WITH YOU. IF YOU'LL VISIT WITH THEM AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO  
15 ASSIST YOU.

16

17 **DENNIS PAUL FRIEDMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **LYNN SMALL FRIEDMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AUBREY MANUEL, LYNN MANUEL AND... [ [   
22 APPLAUSE ] [ GAVEL ]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. PLEASE. THE BOARD RULES THAT THERE  
25 BE NO APPLAUSE, EITHER FOR OR AGAINST, BOOS, CONGRATULATIONS



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1 OR WHATEVER. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION. LYNN MANUEL,  
2 AUBREY MANUEL, AND S. PAT COLBERT.

3

4 **S. PAT COLBERT:** COLBERT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST SAW THE LITTLE-- SORRY ABOUT THAT.

7

8 **S. PAT COLBERT:** THAT'S OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

11

12 **AUBREY MANUEL:** GOOD MORNING.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'D IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

15

16 **AUBREY MANUEL:** AUBREY MANUEL. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS  
17 ANGELES FOSTER PARENT COORDINATING COUNCIL. FIRST OF ALL, I'D  
18 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR MOVING US UP ON THE AGENDA. I COME HERE  
19 TODAY WITH FOSTER PARENTS, RELATIVE CARE PROVIDERS, ADOPTIVE  
20 PARENTS, EXTENDED, NONRELATIVE PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, GROUP  
21 HOME PROVIDERS, SMALL FAMILY HOMES, PROBATION HOMES, CERTIFIED  
22 HOME PROVIDERS, AND ALSO THOSE WHO ARE MONITORING THIS MEETING  
23 VIA THE INTERNET THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
24 EUROPE, AND RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO  
25 RECOGNIZE THOSE PEOPLE AND THANK THEM VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING



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1 ME AT HOME. THEY'RE AT HOME TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE  
2 BEEN ENTRUSTED IN OUR CARE. MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE  
3 RECOGNITION MONTH. OFTEN, AS FOSTER PARENTS, WE GO-- OR I  
4 SHOULD SAY RESOURCE FAMILY CARE PROVIDERS, WE GO UNRECOGNIZED  
5 FOR THE GREAT WORK WE PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND ITS  
6 CHILDREN. WE PROVIDE EXCELLENT, OUTSTANDING, COMMITTED WORK  
7 FOR 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, INCLUDING HOLIDAYS. SO  
8 MAY COMES AROUND ONCE A YEAR AND THERE'S TALK ABOUT  
9 RECOGNITION ABOUT FOSTER CARE, AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES  
10 GET TOGETHER AND THEY DECIDE WHAT IS BEST FOR CHILDREN, HOW  
11 CAN WE IMPROVE QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, AND THEN  
12 EVERYONE GOES HOME. AND WHATEVER IS AGREED UPON, WE, AS  
13 RESOURCE FAMILY, HAVEN'T SEEN ANY IMPROVEMENT TO THESE  
14 SERVICES FOR OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE CARE PROVIDERS. AND  
15 THESE SERVICES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TWO PRIMARY  
16 CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES, D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS OF  
17 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S FAMILY SERVICES, CONSTANTLY ARE OFTEN  
19 ADVERTISED FOR INTERESTED FOSTER PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO TAKE  
20 CARE OF THESE CHILDREN WHO NEED OUT OF HOME CARE. THEY ALSO  
21 MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE. THIS  
22 NUMBER IS TO BE USED TO REPORT ABUSE, ANY FORM OF ABUSE AS FAR  
23 AS CHILDREN ARE CONCERNED. WELL, PERSONALLY, I THINK THERE  
24 SHOULD BE AN 800 NUMBER TO REPORT CHILD WELFARE AGENCY ABUSE



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1 AGAINST CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN IN THEIR  
2 CARE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **AUBREY MANUEL:** FOR YEARS, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, THE LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL  
6 HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITHOUT BEING HELD TRULY ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
7 DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. OKAY? THEY HAVE NOT DONE  
8 WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO LET YOU  
9 KNOW THAT WE DO KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT BEING SERVICED IN A HIGH  
10 QUALITY MANOR AS CARE PROVIDERS. WE KNOW THAT THESE  
11 DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT SERVICING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THESE  
12 CHILDREN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP, YOUR TIME IS UP,  
15 SO WE CAN GET ALL THE SPEAKERS THROUGH.

16

17 **REYNARD PRICE:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, I ALSO SIGNED UP,  
18 REYNARD PRICE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THAT TIME TO AUBREY  
19 MANUEL.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I DIDN'T CALL YOU UP YET BUT THAT'S  
22 OKAY. YOU'RE ON THE LIST. OKAY.

23

24 **REYNARD PRICE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1    **S. PAT COLBERT:** I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY TIME TO AUBREY MANUEL.  
2    THANK YOU.

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4    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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6    **AUBREY MANUEL:** THE PERSONNEL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, THEY HAVE  
7    OPERATED WITHOUT IMPUNITY. THEY SUBMIT COURT REPORTS THAT ARE  
8    NOT ACCURATE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CORRECTIVE ACTION, THERE HAS  
9    BEEN NO ACCOUNTABILITY. THEY HAVE DESTROYED FAMILIES, THEY  
10    HAVE DESTROYED THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. THESE CHILD WELFARE  
11    AGENCIES HAVE DESTROYED EXCELLENT AND MUCH-NEEDED PLACEMENTS  
12    FOR HARD-TO-PLACE AND HIGH-RISK TEENAGERS. THESE CHILDREN COME  
13    IN OUR HOMES, THEY DESTROY OUR HOMES, WE DON'T GET REIMBURSED.  
14    WE ASK FOR SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES  
15    OR ENTITLEMENT THAT IS DUE TO THE CHILDREN. WE GET-- WE CATCH  
16    A HARD TIME. WE DON'T GET WHAT WE NEED FOR THE CHILDREN. WE  
17    WANT THESE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED. WE HAD EXCELLENT HOMES,  
18    SUCH AS THE FRED BAKER GROUP HOMES, WHICH WAS LOCATED  
19    PREDOMINANTLY IN THE SOUTH L.A. AREA. WE HAVE THE REID SMALL  
20    FAMILY HOME IN THE PASADENA AREA. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT A  
21    TRAVESTY HERE, YOU KNOW. I'M A TAXPAYER AND I CAN'T BELIEVE,  
22    YOU KNOW, WE'RE SPENDING A MILLION DOLLARS ON LITIGATION WITH  
23    FRED BAKER BECAUSE HE'S BEEN AUDITED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS  
24    ANGELES BUT NO ONE SIGNED THE AUDIT REPORT. AND I FIND THAT  
25    APPALLING AS A TAXPAYER. 7,920 CHILDREN FROM SERVICE PLANNING



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1 AREA SIX WERE PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS. I'VE ASKED, ON  
2 A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS, HOW MANY OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE  
3 PLACEMENTS IN SPA SIX? I HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. I WOULDN'T  
4 BE SURPRISED IF THE RESPONSE CAME BACK AS MAYBE LITTLE OR  
5 MAYBE NONE AT ALL, BUT I DON'T THINK NONE WOULD BE THE ANSWER,  
6 BUT LITTLE. AND MY POINT HERE IS WE NEED TO PUT CHILDREN IN  
7 THEIR COMMUNITIES IN PLACEMENTS. WE NEED TO STOP MOVING  
8 CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND KEEP THEM WITHIN THEIR  
9 COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO STOP MOVING CHILDREN OUT OF PLACEMENTS  
10 THAT ARE WORKING FOR THESE CHILDREN, THAT ARE VIABLE. WE'VE  
11 GOT TO STOP MOVING THESE CHILDREN BUT WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT  
12 WITHIN D.C.F.S. CALLED THE QUALITY OF-- QUALITY SERVICE OUT OF  
13 HOME INVESTIGATION. THESE PEOPLE OPERATE IN A CRIMINAL MANNER.  
14 THEY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE NOT THOROUGH. THEY HAND  
15 OUT HOLDS, THEY PUT HOLDS, INVESTIGATIVE HOLDS ON HOMES. I'M  
16 ASKING YOU, AS SUPERVISORS, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE  
17 THESE HOLDS OFF OF THESE HOMES. THIS TACTIC IS ILLEGAL.  
18 THERE'S NO DUE PROCESS GIVEN HERE. AND BEFORE AN ACTION OF  
19 THAT SORT IS TAKEN, I THINK WE DESERVE DUE PROCESS AS CARE  
20 PROVIDERS. AGAIN, I'M ASKING THAT CERTAIN PERSONNEL BE HELD  
21 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION AND HARM THEY'VE CAUSED TO  
22 CHILDREN. I'M TALKING ABOUT EMPLOYEES OR PERSONNEL, LIKE  
23 FRANCESCA LARUE, ED PREER, RAMONA WILSON, ESTELLE ALBERT, JEAN  
24 GILDEN. THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED AND THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO  
25 JUSTICE. THERE SHOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION ON THAT DEPARTMENT.



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1 THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CAUSED A LOT OF DESTRUCTION. IT'S CALLED  
2 THE QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT IN D.C.F.S. THEY'VE BROKEN UP A LOT  
3 OF FAMILIES AND DESTROYED A LOT OF LIVES. IN CLOSING, I'LL  
4 JUST LEAVE YOU WITH ONE TASK OR JUST A SIMPLE REQUEST. CAN YOU  
5 PLEASE HOLD PERSONNEL IN D.C.F.S. AND THE PROBATION  
6 DEPARTMENT, CAN YOU TRULY HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE? PLEASE? HOLD  
7 THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE  
8 DOING AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE, TRULY ACCOUNTABLE, FOR DOING  
9 WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN AN UNSATISFACTORY MANNER. THAT'S WHAT WE  
10 ASK.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK THE-- THANK YOU. THE ISSUE IS  
15 RAISED. I THINK IF WE COULD GET A RESPONSE BACK IN A COUPLE  
16 WEEKS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTH THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
17 SERVICES AS WELL AS PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON THE ISSUES RAISED  
18 HERE TODAY, WE CAN DIRECT THAT RESPONSE, SO WE'LL SEE WHAT WE  
19 CAN GET. THANK YOU.

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21 **AUBREY MANUEL:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE OTHER SPEAKERS, LEONARD WAYNE  
24 ROSE, LUIS GONZALEZ, AND MIKE GARCIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD YOU DO MIKE SEPARATELY?

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? ALL RIGHT. THEN LEONARD AND--  
4    LEONARD ROSE AND LUIS GONZALEZ, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, AND  
5    THEN WE'LL WAIT ON MIKE. OKAY, LEONARD. GO AHEAD.

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7    **LEONARD ROSE:** DEAR ELDERLY BOARD SUPERVISOR. THIS SPEECH  
8    GOING-- GOING TO MAKE A SPEECH ABOUT PARENTS COUNCIL. THEY  
9    FIGHT FOR VIOLENCE AND SEX ON T.V., THERE'S TOO MUCH VIOLENCE  
10    AND SEX ON TV. IT IMPACT YOUNG LIVES. PARENTS ASK ABOUT  
11    DISCIPLINE, EDUCATION PROGRAM, NEW MICKEY MOUSE CLUB, GOOD  
12    CARTOON. KICK OFF KING OF THE HILL AND SIMPSONS CARTOON OFF  
13    THE AIR. IT'S BAD FOR CHILDREN. FCC COMMISSIONER IN  
14    WASHINGTON, D.C. KEEP VIOLENCE AND SEX ON THE AIR. MEL  
15    GIBSON'S "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST" FILM OF JESUS, LOTS OF  
16    PEOPLE GOT SAVED. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES CENTER BY  
17    FREEWAY HELPED CLEAN OUR CITIES AWAY WATCH FOR FRIDAY NIGHT  
18    10:00 P.M. AND 10:30 AND MANY TESTIMONY, AND THEY HELPED THEIR  
19    COMMUNITY TO WIPE UP OUR AREA. AND THEN THIS-- I TALK ABOUT  
20    THE IMPACT ON T.V. YOUNG LIVES, YOU KNOW, VIOLENCE AND SEX ON  
21    T.V., CARTOON SHOW, THEY SHOW CUSS WORDS, BAD WORDS ON KING OF  
22    THE HILL, YOU KNOW, AND THIS IS A PROBLEM WITH PROBLEM WITH  
23    PARENTS THAT DISCIPLINE KIDS, AND THIS PUT ALL TOGETHER AND--  
24    AND-- AND 700 CLUB WROTE ME A THANK YOU NOTE, YEAR 2000, ABOUT  
25    VIOLENCE AND SEX ON T.V. AND THEY WROTE ME A THANK YOU NOTE,



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1 PAT ROBERTSON, THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, AND HOW TO  
2 MAKE THINGS BETTER. AND I WANT TO SEE ELDERLY BOARD SUPERVISOR  
3 AND STATE GOVERNMENT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, TO HAVE NEW  
4 PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LUIS GONZALEZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LEONARD. LUIS GONZALEZ, IS HE  
9 STILL HERE? DO YOU STILL WANT TO SPEAK?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GONZALEZ, ARE YOU HERE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OR  
12 FOR THE PARTICULAR ITEM REGARDING THE COMMUNITY? YOU CAN'T  
13 SPEAK ON BOTH, SO WHICH ONE? I THINK THEY MIXED IT UP.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE'S SIGNED UP FOR NUMBER 29, WHICH IS  
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE AN ISSUE?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S AN ISSUE UNDER-- I'LL GET IT UNDER THE RIGHT  
19 ITEM. WHAT ITEM IS IT? NUMBER 11. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MIKE  
22 GARCIA.

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24 **MIKE GARCIA:** HELLO, I'M MIKE GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U.  
25 LOCAL 1877, AND THANK YOU FOR HEARING FROM US THIS MORNING.



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1 I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THE JANITORS THAT ARE PRESENT WITH US  
2 IN THE ROOM TO PLEASE STAND UP. WE'RE HERE TO TALK TO YOU  
3 ABOUT THE SITUATION THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH, WITH THE  
4 JANITORS THAT WORK FOR THE CONTRACTORS THAT CLEAN THE COUNTY  
5 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS, AND TALK ABOUT THE  
6 COUNTY LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE AND HOW IT'S FALLING SHORT IN  
7 MEETING THE NEEDS OF THESE JANITORS. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF  
8 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS POINT AND WE'RE UNABLE TO FIND A  
9 RESOLUTION BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THE COUNTY  
10 CONTRACT AND LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ALL THE  
11 BASIC NEEDS OF THE JANITORS THAT ARE CLEANING THE HOSPITALS.  
12 I'VE HANDED TO YOU A LETTER THAT KIND OF OUTLINES OUR ISSUES  
13 AND A REPORT FROM THE U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER THAT SHOWS THAT  
14 CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS COULD SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IF WORKERS  
15 WERE PAID SLIGHTLY MORE THAN MINIMUM WAGE. WE ALL KNOW THAT  
16 THINGS ARE-- FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE JOAQUIN AND ESTELLA WITH ME  
17 WHO CLEAN THE COUNTY HOSPITALS FOR THE CONTRACTORS THAT YOU  
18 EMPLOY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THINGS ARE LESS EXPENSIVE ON THE  
19 FRONT END THAN ON THE BACK END. WE'RE URGING THAT THE COUNTY  
20 TO TAKE SOME LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND MAKE SURE THAT  
21 WORKERS, LIKE THE JANITORS AT COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES, CAN  
22 SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR BASIC NEEDS. JANITORS FROM  
23 COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES STRUGGLE TO GET BY. THE COUNTY LIVING  
24 WAGE IS SO LOW AND THE HEALTHCARE PROVISIONS SO INSUFFICIENT  
25 THAT WORKERS ARE FORCED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE BY USING



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1 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. COUNTY WORKERS HAVE NOT SEEN WAGE INCREASES  
2 IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. IF THE LIVING WAGE IS NOT INCREASED,  
3 THOUSANDS OF COUNTY WORKERS WILL GO-- WILL NOT GET AN INCREASE  
4 FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS. THE LOS ANGELES CITY LIVING WAGE IS  
5 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE COUNTY. THIS YEAR, THE  
6 CITY'S LIVING WAGE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE WILL INCREASE  
7 ROUGHLY TO \$10 AN HOUR, A FULL 50 CENTS AN HOUR MORE THAN THE  
8 L.A. COUNTY LIVING WAGE. FOR A FULL-TIME WORKER, THAT'S ABOUT  
9 A THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. FOR THE WORKING POOR, THAT'S A LOT  
10 OF MONEY. WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE CONFRONTED WITH THE  
11 RESPONSIBILITY OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE WORKING POOR AND  
12 POOR PEOPLE IN GENERAL IN THIS COUNTY, BUT WE ASK IN THAT  
13 REGARD THAT YOU SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE. L.A. LEADS THE COUNTY IN  
14 THE NUMBERS OF WORKING POOR, LEADS THE COUNTRY, EXCUSE ME,  
15 LEADS THE COUNTRY IN THE NUMBERS WORKERS WORKING WITHOUT  
16 HEALTH INSURANCE AND IT LEADS THE COUNTRY IN THE GAP BETWEEN  
17 RICH AND POOR. WE ASK THAT YOU SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE  
18 PRIVATE SECTOR AND ENSURE THAT YOUR POOREST WORKERS CAN  
19 PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RECEIVE  
20 HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL.  
21 AND THAT THEY WORK WITH THE PRIDE AND HONOR WITH INDEPENDENCE  
22 FROM TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE. THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER FOR THESE  
23 JANITORS, IT'S AN URGENT MATTER FOR OUR UNION. THERE'S A  
24 STRIKE VOTE SET, SO YOU'RE AWARE, FOR JUNE THE 5TH. THEY MUST  
25 HAVE INCREASES IN THEIR WAGES AND THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE



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1 COVERAGE CAN ACHIEVE THAT. IF WE CAN'T MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS,  
2 THEY WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO OUT ON STRIKE SOON AFTER  
3 JUNE 5TH. WE URGE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR YOUR POOREST  
4 WORKERS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A LIVING WAGE AND MEDICAL  
5 INSURANCE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT. MOVE TO ITEM  
14 NUMBER 3.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO INCREASE VARIOUS PARK AND  
17 RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES TO ESTABLISH A NON-MOTORIZED BOAT  
18 ANNUAL PASS FEE FOR CASTAIC LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA, FRANK  
19 G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK AND SANTA FE DAM RECREATIONAL AREA  
20 AND A FEE UP TO \$2 PER PERSON FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S THREE SWIM  
21 BEACH AREAS EFFECTIVE JULY ONE, 2004. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
22 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE  
25 PUBLIC SIGNED UP, MICHAEL KING, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE,



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1 ON ITEM NUMBER 3. THERE'S NO STAFF STATEMENT REQUIRED ON THIS  
2 ITEM, SO, MR. KING, IF YOU'D GO AHEAD.

3

4 **MICHAEL KING:** RIGHT. ANYWAYS, RIGHT NOW, I GUESS IN SEPTEMBER,  
5 I INVENTED THIS BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAD CHANGES WITH CASTAIC LAKE  
6 TO POSSIBLY CLOSE IT AND RAISE RATES. I ASKED IF YOU GUYS  
7 WOULD MAKE A SEPARATE ONE FOR NON-MOTORIZED VESSELS BECAUSE  
8 THEY ARE LOW IMPACTS TO THE LAKE AND THERE WERE CHARGING THE  
9 SAME AS MOTORIZED. NOW, IF THEY NEED TO MAKE A SEPARATE ANNUAL  
10 PASS SO THIS WILL HAPPEN, AND IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE WITH THE  
11 HIGH COST THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW, SO WHAT'S BEING DONE,  
12 WHAT I PASSED TO YOU GUYS WAS JUST A LITTLE ITEMIZED THING  
13 HERE ABOUT IT'S RECOMMENDED TO A SIMPLE PASS BE MOTORIZED TO A  
14 HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PEOPLE TO AFFORD. IF YOU LOOK DOWN,  
15 THERE'S FIGURES HERE, FAMILY OF THREE, IT COSTS 510 FOR AN  
16 ANNUAL USAGE OF THE LAKE. AND, WITH THE NEW RATE, IT WOULD GO  
17 TO 420, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT AFFORDABLE. I DO UNDERSTAND, I  
18 MISSED A DECEMBER THING WHERE YOU GUYS AUTOMATICALLY STARTED  
19 RAISING THE RATES BECAUSE YOU NEEDED TO, AND IT'S NOT A  
20 HARDSHIP. I GATHERED THAT YOU GUYS ASSUMED AND YOU GUYS WENT  
21 AHEAD. NOW, AGAIN, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO RAISE RATES. WHAT'S  
22 GOING ON WITH THE LAKE? IF YOU LOOK BACK, THERE'S A PICTURE OF  
23 ME AS A KID IN '73. IF YOU LOOK, THEY USED TO OPEN UP THAT  
24 WHOLE DAM AREA FOR FISHERMEN. MY FAMILY AND EVERYONE USED TO  
25 GO THERE. NOW THEY'VE PUT A JET SKI AREA THERE AND MY FATHER



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1 AND OTHER PEOPLE HAVE NOW LEFT THE LAKE, THE LAKE-- YOU GUYS  
2 ARE PLANNING TO RAISE RATES POSSIBLY AGAIN AND THE MOST  
3 IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET THIS ANNUAL PASS FOR THE NON-  
4 MOTORIZED. BUT, HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF RAISING OTHER RATES, MAKE  
5 IT MORE USER FRIENDLY SO PEOPLE COME AND USE THE LAKE BECAUSE,  
6 IF YOU RAISE THE RATES, THEY'RE STILL NOT GOING TO COME  
7 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO MEANS OF USING THE LAKE PROPERLY. LIKE  
8 WHERE THE JET SKI AREA IS, IT SCARES PEOPLE OFF, THEY'RE  
9 NOISY, THEY'RE LOUD. IF THEY MOVE IT OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF  
10 THE LAKE, AND THEY PUT IT THERE WHERE THAT ONE PICTURE OF ME  
11 AT THE BOTTOM LEFT, IT SHOWS WHERE THERE'S LAND THERE FOR THEM  
12 AND GIVES THE THING-- TRUST ME, IT'S-- WHAT'S GOING ON WITH  
13 THESE EXCESSIVE RATES-- I WORK IN THE STUDIOS. I TOOK OFF  
14 RIGHT NOW. I'M WORKING BY CASTAIC LAKE. I'VE BEEN DOING AN  
15 EVALUATION ON MY LUNCH HOUR, DRIVING TO THE LAKE, LOOKING. NO  
16 ONE IS USING THE LAKE. I WORK, I'M PART OF THE PRO STAFF OF  
17 IRVINE LAKE, AND BEING A PART OF THAT LAKE HELPING KIDS AND  
18 WORKING WITH THE LAKE, THAT'S A PAID FEE LAKE, HUNDREDS OF  
19 PEOPLE GO THERE TO FISH. IT'S CHANGED FROM CASTAIC LAKE.  
20 THERE'S ONLY A FEW PEOPLE THAT USE THE LAKE BECAUSE OF THE  
21 PRICE OF USING THE LAKE RIGHT NOW. SO IT CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE  
22 INCREASES. WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE THE LAKE MORE USER  
23 FRIENDLY. IF YOU PULL THAT JET SKI AREA OUT, MORE FAMILIES  
24 WILL COME AND USE THE DAM AREA WHICH YOU GENERATE MONEY AND  
25 THE KEY THING IS TO GENERATE MONEY, AND IT WILL GENERATE THE



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1 ECONOMY OF THAT AREA AND BRING MONEY THROUGH. I'M NOT A  
2 PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER. I JUST CAME JUST TO HELP OUT AND BE A  
3 PART OF THE ANNUAL PASS RATE, BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT  
4 OUT BECAUSE, ON THE AGENDA, I NOTICE THAT THERE'S POSSIBLE  
5 RATES TO BE INCREASED AT THE LAKE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. COULD WE HAVE MAYBE THE  
8 DEPARTMENT RESPOND? MIKE?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TIM CAN RESPOND. THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE  
11 COMMUNITY AND THEY WANTED TO-- THEY SUPPORTIVE OF HAVING  
12 MARKET RATES TO VARIOUS SERVICES. BUT TIM?

13

14 **TIM GALLAGHER:** YEAH, TIM GALLAGHER, PARKS AND RECREATION  
15 DIRECTOR. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THERE ARE NO RATES AT CASTAIC  
16 THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR INCREASE IN THIS ITEM TODAY. THE  
17 ONLY THING THAT WOULD AFFECT CASTAIC WOULD BE THE NON-  
18 MOTORIZED ANNUAL PASS THAT WE'RE CREATING WHICH IS NOT IN  
19 EFFECT RIGHT NOW. SO THAT WOULD BE A NET DECREASE IN THE COST  
20 FOR SOMEBODY WHO IS CURRENTLY TAKING A BOAT OUT TO THE LAKE.

21

22 **MICHAEL KING:** NON-MOTORIZED VESSEL, LIKE A FLOAT TUBE. YOU  
23 GUYS, I'M SURE, KNOW WHAT A FLOAT TUBE IS. IT'S A SINGLE  
24 VESSEL AND IT DOESN'T IMPACT ANYTHING ON THE LAKE. THE REASON  
25 FOR DECREASES THAT YOU'RE LIMITED WITH FLOAT TUBES, YOU'VE GOT



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1 TO STAY AT THE LOWER LAGOON, YOU DON'T USE IT AS MUCH AND TO  
2 DROP THE RATE WOULD BRING MORE PEOPLE IN. RIGHT NOW, I'M SURE  
3 HE COULD PROBABLY SHOW THAT NO ONE IS BUYING THE PASS, IT'S  
4 TOO EXPENSIVE. TO ME, TO JUSTIFY \$510 TO MY FAMILY, IN THIS  
5 DAY AND AGE, WITH SKYROCKETING PRICES, I'M NOT GOING TO BUY  
6 IT. I MIGHT GO ONE OR TWO TIMES BUT THAT'S MONEY LOST BECAUSE  
7 I ONLY SPENT \$40 FOR A YEAR OR \$30 FOR A YEAR, AND I JUST  
8 SAVED \$400. THIS WAY, I SPEND \$400, I COULD USE IT THROUGH THE  
9 COURSE FELT YEAR AND MAKE IT WORTH SOMETHING BUT IT'S JUST TOO  
10 EXPENSIVE. IT NEEDS TO DROP BECAUSE, IF YOU DON'T DROP IT,  
11 PEOPLE WON'T BUY IT AND THEY'LL BE JUST A SKELETON IN A  
12 CLOSET.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. RESPONSE?

15

16 **TIM GALLAGHER:** THE ONLY THING, ONLY RESPONSE I CAN MAKE IS  
17 THAT THIS NON-MOTORIZED BOAT FEE IS REALLY DIRECTED AT KAYAKS  
18 AND CANOES THAT COME OUT THERE, NOT FLOAT TUBES. WE'RE TAKING  
19 AN EVALUATION OURSELVES OF FLOAT TUBES AND WHETHER OR NOT  
20 THEY'RE A VESSEL OR SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED AT ALL AND WE'RE  
21 DOING A SURVEY RIGHT NOW. OTHER FACILITIES, JURISDICTIONS I'VE  
22 WORKED AT, WE DID NOT CHARGE FOR FLOAT TUBES TO COME INTO A  
23 LAKE BECAUSE THEY WERE RESTRICTED TO BE WITHIN A HUNDRED FEET  
24 OF THE SHORELINE AND WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT THAN A PERSON GOING  
25 OUT AND SWIMMING, PER SE. SO WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT



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1 OURSELVES BUT THE NON-MOTORIZED BOAT FEE IS REALLY DIRECT  
2 TOWARDS CANOES AND KAYAKS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **MICHAEL KING:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN.  
9 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
11 ITEM NUMBER 4, THERE IS NO REQUIRED STAFF STATEMENT ON THIS.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S A HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE TO  
14 THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE RELEASE OF PROPERLY IMPOUNDED  
15 STORED VEHICLES BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NO  
16 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC  
19 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS  
20 CLOSED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
21 SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT IS  
22 ITEM NUMBER 5.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL  
25 ASSESSMENTS IN THE COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT LLA-1



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1 FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005. WE  
2 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE-- STAFF STATEMENT IS REQUIRED ON ITEM  
5 NUMBER 5.

6

7 **BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BAHMAN  
8 HAJIALIAKBAR AND I'M PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING  
10 FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL STREET LIGHTING  
11 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR ALL ZONES  
12 EXCEPT FOR THE PARAMOUNT ZONE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 AT THE  
13 SAME RATES ARE AS BEING LEVIED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. IN MY  
14 OPINION, ALL THE TERRITORY WITHIN LLA-1 WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
15 BENEFITED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDED AND THE ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE  
16 TO BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT PROVIDED TO THE  
17 INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES. WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROTESTS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THIS FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, THIS SCRIPT  
20 HERE? ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM STAFF IN REGARDS TO THIS  
21 PARTICULAR ITEM? IF NOT, DO YOU READ FIRST OR DO I READ SECOND  
22 HERE? OH, THAT'S FOR 6. OKAY. IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS  
23 CLOSED.

24

25 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE US? THANK YOU. MOVED  
3 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NOW WE GET TO GO TO ITEM NUMBER 6.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS IN  
7 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10066 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
8 DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES.  
9 WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STAFF STATEMENT?

12

13 **BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M A  
14 PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
15 I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE LEVYING AND  
16 COLLECTION OF ANNUAL STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT WITHIN COUNTY  
17 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE WITH THE PROPOSED  
18 INCREASE FROM \$5 TO \$17 PER SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A  
19 CORRESPONDING INCREASE FOR OTHER LAND USES. THE ASSESSMENT  
20 WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT USING THE CPI FOR THE  
21 LOS ANGELES, RIVERSIDE, ORANGE COUNTY AREAS FOR ALL URBAN  
22 CONSUMERS. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED INCREASE IS NECESSARY  
23 TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS WITHIN THE PARAMOUNT ZONE TO FUND  
24 OPERATING EXPENSES TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND  
25 MATERIALS AND TO FUND NECESSARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.



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1 IN MY OPINION, ALL THE TERRITORIES WITHIN THE PARAMOUNT ZONE  
2 WILL CONTINUE TO BE BENEFITED BY THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED  
3 AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT WILL BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
4 BENEFIT PROVIDED TO THE INVOLVED PROPERTIES. IN THE EVENT OF A  
5 MAJORITY PROTEST, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD CONTINUE THE  
6 EXISTING ASSESSMENTS AT THEIR CURRENT RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
7 2004/2005. WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROTESTS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT  
12 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF  
13 BALLOTS, AND CONTINUE THE ITEM ONE WEEK FOR TABULATION RESULTS  
14 AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, WELL, THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE  
17 THE HEARING AND CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR ONE WEEK FOR THE  
18 TABULATION RESULTS BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DECISION BY  
19 THE BOARD. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
20 SO ORDERED. HOW DID WE DO, RICK? WE DO GOOD?

21

22 **RICK:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT IS ITEM 7.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON LEVYING OF FLOOD CONTROL  
2 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005. WE HAVE NO  
3 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. STAFF?

6

7 **PATRICK DECHELLIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICK DECHELLIS,  
8 I'M AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
9 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF  
10 THE ANNUAL FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR  
11 2004/2005. THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS WAS PREPARED  
12 IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. NO INCREASE IN BENEFIT  
13 ASSESSMENT RATES IS PROPOSED FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR. IN  
14 MY OPINION, THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE  
15 PROPOSED USE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE,  
16 RESTORATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD CONTROL AND WATERSHED  
17 MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND FOR THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL  
18 POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM MUNICIPAL STORM WATER  
19 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE THE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING  
20 AVAILABLE FOR THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO  
21 COVER THE COSTS OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE  
22 FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT CONTINUES TO BE BASED UPON  
23 THE PROPORTIONATE STORM WATER RUNOFF METHOD FROM AFFECTED  
24 PARCELS AS IS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, GOVERNMENT



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1 CODE SECTION 54715. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS  
2 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTIONATE TO BENEFIT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? ARE  
5 THERE ANY SPEAKERS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? CAN WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
6 HEARING AND PUT THE ITEM BEFORE US?

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8 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
12 ORDERED. THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON 8 OR 9, SO WE'LL COME BACK  
13 TO THOSE, AND I KNOW THERE IS A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE ON ITEM  
14 NUMBER 11, SO WE'LL TAKE ITEM NUMBER 11 OUT OF ORDER.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT'S A HEARING ON PERMIT CASE  
17 NUMBER 03-135-1 AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION TO  
18 AUTHORIZE LESS THAN REQUIRED PARKING FOR PROPOSED DANCE  
19 SCHOOL, EAST SIDE UNIT NUMBER 4 ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY  
20 DANIEL CARTAHENA AND ASSOCIATES. WE HAVE WRITTEN  
21 CORRESPONDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THIS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WILL ASK THE STAFF TO GIVE THEIR  
24 REPORT. I WOULD ASK THAT THE INTERPRETER COME IN AS WELL, TOO.

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1   **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. GOOD  
2 MORNING. I'M RUSSELL FRICANO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
3 PLANNING AND TO MY LEFT MARIA MASSISSE, THE PLANNER ON THE  
4 CASE. THIS IS AN APPEAL OF A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
5 APPROVAL OF A PARKING PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE LESS-THAN-REQUIRED  
6 PARKING FOR A DANCE SCHOOL AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL PLAZA.  
7 THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 342 1/2 NORTH FORD BOULEVARD IN THE  
8 EAST SIDE UNIT NUMBER 4 ZONED DISTRICT. THE PROPERTY IS ALSO  
9 LOCATED WITHIN THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
10 DISTRICT IN THE MYERVIA REDEVELOPMENT AREA. ZONING ON THE  
11 PROPERTY IS COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING. THIS CASE WAS APPROVED  
12 BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 18TH OF 2004.  
13 AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? IF NOT,  
16 THEN I'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO  
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK I WANT TO PUT THE MOTION IN PLACE NOW,  
20 RIGHT? AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE SPEAKERS COME UP. I HAVE A  
21 MOTION I'D LIKE TO PASS OUT TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS. MOST OF  
22 THE COMMERCIAL SPACE IN EAST L.A. WAS BUILT LONG AGO WITHOUT  
23 INADEQUATE PARKING SPACES. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
24 COMMISSION BUILT PUBLIC PARKING LOTS ON FORD BOULEVARD AND  
25 CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE SO THAT NEW AND EXISTING BUSINESSES COULD



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1 EXPAND AND FLOURISH. THE PARKING LOTS ARE CURRENTLY  
2 UNDERUTILIZED AND CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL DEMAND FROM A  
3 NEW DANCE STUDIO, NOT A DANCE HALL. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT WE  
4 APPROVE THE PARKING PERMIT FOR A DANCE STUDIO AT 342 1/2 FORD  
5 BOULEVARD WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS. FIRST OF  
6 ALL, THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE FROM 10:00 TO 9:30 SEVEN DAYS  
7 A WEEK. NUMBER TWO, THE APPLICANT SHALL INSTALL A VIDEO CAMERA  
8 THAT FILMS THE ENTRANCE TO THE STUDIO AND THE ONSITE PARKING  
9 LOT. APPLICANT SHALL KEEP THE RECORDED VIDEOS FOR A MONTH.  
10 NUMBER THREE, THAT EACH CLASS SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 45  
11 STUDENTS. NUMBER FOUR, THAT NO MUSIC SHALL BE AUDIBLE FROM  
12 OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. NUMBER FIVE, THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL BE  
13 REQUIRED TO SWEEP THE PUBLIC PARKING LOT TWICE A WEEK. NUMBER  
14 6, THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE  
15 STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF THIS PERMIT AFTER SIX MONTHS. IF  
16 FOUND TO BE INCOMPLIANT, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER  
17 MODIFICATIONS TO THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS, THE HOURS OF  
18 OPERATION, AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 REGIONAL PLANNING SHALL CONDUCT MONTHLY INSPECTIONS FOR THE  
20 FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE PERMIT. THESE INSPECTIONS SHALL  
21 COMMENCE UPON THE DANCE SCHOOL'S OPERATION. THE APPLICANT  
22 SHALL POST A SIGN ON THE PROPERTY WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF  
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE SHERIFF'S  
24 DEPARTMENT, AND THE APPLICANT SHALL DEPOSIT WITH THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING THE REQUIRED MONEY TO COVER



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1 INSPECTION COSTS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE. NO SMOKING SHOULD BE  
2 PERMITTED ON THE DANCE STUDIO'S BALCONY AND THE APPLICANT  
3 SHALL BUILD A SIX-FOOT BLOCK WALL ON THE EAST PROPERTY LINE.  
4 PRIOR TO OPENING, THE APPLICANT SHALL PASS INSPECTIONS  
5 CONDUCTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING SAFETY. AGAIN,  
6 THIS HAS BEEN A COMPROMISE FROM WHAT ORIGINALLY WAS A DANCE  
7 STUDIO OR A DANCE HALL, IN WHICH MANY OF THE RESIDENTS  
8 COMPLAINED ABOUT THE NOISE. WE THINK THAT THESE CONDITIONS AND  
9 THE OVERSIGHT WITHIN SIX MONTHS PUTS IT IN A SITUATION OF  
10 OPENING A DANCE STUDIO AND WHICH IS A BUSINESS THAT WOULD FIT  
11 IN WITH THE REST OF THE BUSINESSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE  
12 HAVE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS THAT THERE IS PARTIES AND  
13 LOUD MUSIC GOING ON, THE LAST INSTANCE BEING THAT IT WAS NOT  
14 AT THE DANCE STUDIO ITSELF, BUT IN THE CAFE DOWNSTAIRS. SO WE  
15 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS, AND I  
16 GUESS, ON THIS ONE, I THINK THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED,  
17 EVEN WITH MITIGATIONS, ON THIS ISSUE, SO I'M GOING TO CALL  
18 THEM UP FIRST. RAFAEL CRUZ. AND WE DO NEED A SPANISH  
19 INTERPRETER ON THIS ITEM. RAFAEL CRUZ, POR FAVOR. I  
20 UNDERSTAND. I'M CALLING... [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** [ INDISTINCT VOICE ].

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. BERTHA? I DON'T--  
2 OH, HERE SHE IS. FIRST, WE'LL HAVE BERTHA PLANTILLAS, AND WHO  
3 ELSE, SIR?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** [ INDISTINCT VOICE ]

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL ON CARMEN MARABINE,  
8 PLEASE JOIN US. HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ AND RAFAEL CRUZ. IS MR.  
9 CRUZ HERE? [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE PROCEED, MRS. PLANTILLAS.

12

13 **BERTHA PLANTIAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BERTHA PLANTILLAS,  
14 I'M A PROPERTY OWNER ON CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE AND A BUSINESS  
15 OWNER FOR 35 YEARS AT 4538 1/2 CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE. I WOULD  
16 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
17 PRESENT OUR CASE HERE TODAY. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR  
18 GLORIA MOLINA AND HER STAFF, ESPECIALLY MISS NICOLE ENGLAND  
19 WHO ASSIST US DURING THIS PROCESS. I AM HERE TODAY AS A  
20 SPOKESPERSON FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS BETWEEN OUR  
21 COMMUNITY. WE OPPOSE THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ORIGINAL PLANNING  
22 COMMISSION WHEN THEY USE THE PARKING PERMIT 03-135-1. THE  
23 PARKING PERMIT WAS ISSUED TO THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE DANCE  
24 STUDIO LOCATED ON 346 NORTH FORD BOULEVARD, EAST LOS ANGELES,  
25 WITHOUT THE CONSIDERATION OF OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO



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1 PRESENT TO YOU A PACKAGE THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION FOR  
2 YOUR REVIEW, ONE FOR EACH ONE. THE PARKING PERMIT WAS ISSUED  
3 ON THE PREMISE OF A DANCE STUDIO. HOWEVER, THE BUSINESS OWNER  
4 ACTUALLY USING THE PROPERTY AS A DANCE HALL. THE PARKING  
5 PERMIT ISSUE HAS GIVEN THE DANCE STUDIO EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO  
6 COMMUNITY PARKING FACILITY WHICH IS LOCATED ON FORD AND CESAR  
7 CHAVEZ AVENUE. WE WELCOME BUSINESS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND  
8 UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF REVENUE TO OUR COMMUNITY.  
9 HOWEVER, THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS ONLY BRINGS DOWN THE COMMUNITY  
10 BY ATTRACTING AN ELEMENT THAT WE, WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE  
11 BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO CLEAN UP. AS YOU CAN SEE, AND THE  
12 PICTURES PROVIDE IT, YOU CAN SEE ON THE BACK, THIS HAPPENED  
13 AFTER AN EVENT HELD HERE. THE DANCE STUDIO THAT SURROUNDS THE  
14 RESIDENTS HAVE TO COPE WITH LOUD NOISE AND THE SMELL OF DRUGS  
15 BEING USED AT THE LOCATION. THE MORE CLOSE EVENTS THEY HAVE  
16 FIVE AND SIX OF MAY WHERE THEY HAVE LOUD MUSIC AND A LOT OF  
17 POLICE CALLS FROM THE NEIGHBORS ARE ON RECORD. THE PARKING  
18 FACILITY IS LEFT WITH TRASH AND OTHER PARAPHERNALIA. WE  
19 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECONSIDER A  
20 REVIEW AND REVERSE THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION. SHOULD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHOOSE TO ALLOW  
22 THE PERMIT TO CONTINUE, THEN WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER OUR  
23 REQUEST. SOME OF THE REQUESTS WERE ALREADY NAMED BY SUPERVISOR  
24 GLORIA MOLINA BUT THE NEIGHBORS CLOSE TO THE-- SUCH BUSINESS,  
25 THEY REQUEST A SIX-FOOT WALL BETWEEN 344 1/2 FORD BOULEVARD



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1 AND THE HOMES OF THE 4500 BLOCK OF NEW YORK STREET. THANK YOU  
2 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE HAVE CARMEN  
5 MARABINI. AND THE GENTLEMAN, SHE WILL BE... MISS PLANTILLAS  
6 NEEDS THE ROOM IN ORDER TO INTERPRET. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS CARMEN MARABINI. I LIVE IN 4529 NEW  
9 YORK STREET, LOS ANGELES. I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THE DANCING  
10 STUDIO BE OPENED. BECAUSE...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

13

14 **INTERPRETER:** BECAUSE I THINK IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE  
15 NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALSO PREVENTS US FROM HAVING AMPLE PARKING IN  
16 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE NOISE THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF THIS  
17 BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT FACTOR. AND  
18 I THINK IT'S A VENUE THAT WILL PROMOTE DRUG TRAFFICKING,  
19 ALCOHOL ABUSE, AND THOSE WEEKEND PARTIES WILL BE A PROBLEM.  
20 AND THAT'S IT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** GRACIAS. NEXT, WE HAVE HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ.

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24 **HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

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1   **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS HILDA ALFARO GOMEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
2   NEW YORK STREET. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I'M OPPOSED TO  
3   THIS APPROVAL, BECAUSE, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAVE SCHOOLS  
4   AND THERE ARE FAMILIES THAT LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE  
5   ARE CHILDREN, OF COURSE. AND I THINK THAT ANY APPROVAL  
6   RECORDING THIS VENUE-- THIS BUSINESS WILL CAUSE-- WILL BE  
7   PROBLEMATIC FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND I THINK  
8   THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, IF IT HAS THIS BUSINESS, THERE WILL BE  
9   SOME PARTIES THERE THAT WILL NOT BE WELL SUITED FOR OUR  
10   CHILDREN, THAT WILL CAUSE VIOLENCE. AND I BELIEVE THAT OUR  
11   INTENTIONS ARE TO MAINTAIN A SECURE NEIGHBORHOOD AND NOT TO  
12   ALLOW ANY INVOLVEMENT OF THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS THAT WILL PUT  
13   AT RISK-- PUT OUR CHILDREN AT RISK. THAT'S IT.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** MUCHOS GRACIAS. RAFAEL CRUZ.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

18

19   **RAFAEL CRUZ:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

20

21   **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ROBERTO CRUZ. RAFAEL CRUZ. I AM  
22   OPPOSED TO THIS SOLELY BECAUSE, IN THE AFTERNOON/EARLY  
23   EVENING, THERE'S A LOT OF NOISE CAUSED BY THIS BUSINESS. AND  
24   IT'S PROBLEMATIC AND ALSO DANGEROUS FOR ALL OF US, THE  
25   NEIGHBORS, THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** GRACIAS. NEXT WE HAVE REGINA PENIN BLANCO, SIXTO  
3 NAVARETTE, LUIS GONZALEZ, AND REBECA ZAPIEN. I DON'T KNOW IF  
4 THEY NEED INTERPRETATION BUT WE'LL CHECK.

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6 **REGINA PENIN BLANCO:** HELLO.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE HAVE A SEAT. REGINA PENIN BLANCO.

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10 **REGINA PENIN BLANCO:** YES, MY NAME IS REGINA PENIN BLANCO. I  
11 LIVE ALSO ON YORK STREET FOUR HOUSES FROM THE BUSINESS AND I  
12 AM REALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE I AM DISABLED, I HAVE AN ACCIDENT,  
13 I AM DISABLED, AND I HAVE TO PARK ON THE STREETS. WHEN THERE  
14 IS A PARTY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOME OF THE HOUSES, I COME,  
15 ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAYS, I COME AFTER 7:00 OR AFTER 8:00, I  
16 CANNOT FIND A PARKING, AND I HAVE TO-- I HAVE TO PARK FAR AWAY  
17 AND WALK AT NIGHT. IF THIS BUSINESS STARTS, THERE IS GOING TO  
18 BE EVEN LESS PARKING AND I WILL HAVE TO PARK TWO BLOCKS FROM  
19 MY HOUSE BECAUSE EVERYBODY TAKES THE SPACE IN FRONT OF OUR  
20 HOUSE. THAT'S ONE OF MY CONCERNS. ALSO, I DON'T WANT TO SEE  
21 ANY MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WRITING ON THE WALLS OR TAKING DRUGS OR  
22 BEING A THREAT TO ME OR TO THE NEIGHBORS, TO THE CHILDREN,  
23 BECAUSE, IF THERE ARE LOTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THERE, TAKING  
24 DANCING LESSONS OR DANCING, I SUPPOSE THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE  
25 GANG ACTIVITY, DRUGS ALCOHOL, AND EVERYTHING THAT COMES WITH



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1 IT. ENOUGH SAID. I GIVE MY MINUTES TO REBECCA. SHE HAS MORE TO  
2 SAY.

3

4 **REBECA ZAPIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REBECA ZAPIEN. I  
5 ALSO AM A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STREET. AND OUR CONCERNS ARE  
6 MANY, AS YOU CAN SEE. AND OUR MAIN FEAR IS THAT THIS DANCE  
7 STUDIO WILL, SOONER OR LATER, BECOME A DANCEHALL, AND THIS IS  
8 OUR FEAR. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STATE THIS OR WHAT WORDS CAN  
9 BE USED TO-- LEGALLY, TO SAY THIS, BUT THIS IS THE FEAR. THE  
10 ADVERTISING THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING  
11 SINCE THE BEGINNING WAS FOR A DANCE HALL, A RENTAL, AND STILL  
12 UP THERE, AND I KNOW IT'S ON THE INTERNET AS WELL. PARTIES  
13 HAVE TAKEN PLACE PREVIOUSLY, PREVIOUS TO THE LAST MEETING THAT  
14 WE HAD, AND EVEN THIS MONTH, THERE WAS A PARTY. THERE ARE 10  
15 BUSINESSES THAT I COUNTED ON FORD STREET, AND I'VE BEEN  
16 KEEPING AN EYE THIS MONTH TO SEE HOW MANY PARKING SPACES I  
17 UTILIZED DURING THE DAY AND, OUT OF THE 54, I FOUND THAT THERE  
18 ARE ABOUT BETWEEN 20 AND 24 USED ON A DAILY BASIS. THAT WOULD  
19 LEAVE ABOUT ANOTHER 25 TO 30 PARKING SPACES FOR THE DANCE HALL  
20 AND IF WE EXPECT TO HAVE MINIMUM OF-- OR MAXIMUM OF 45  
21 STUDENTS AND EVERY STUDENT BRINGS A CAR, WHICH USUALLY  
22 HAPPENS, THEN THAT MEANS THE PARKING-- OUR PARKING IN OUR  
23 STREET WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM US. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE CAN  
24 BE SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT WE HAVE RESIDENT PARKING,  
25 MAYBE DECALS, MAYBE SOMETHING THERE SO THAT WE DON'T WANT OUR



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1 PARKING SPACES TAKEN FROM OUR BLOCK. THAT'S OUR MAIN CONCERN  
2 THERE. THE OTHER CONCERN THAT WE HAVE IS THAT WE ARE AFRAID  
3 BECAUSE EVERY TIME THERE'S BEEN A DANCE, THERE HAVE BEEN, YOU  
4 KNOW, PEOPLE URINATING ON THE STREETS, CONDOMS FOUND, DRUGS  
5 ARE BEING USED, GRAFFITI IS ALL OVER THE PLACE AFTER THE  
6 DANCE, AND THIS IS-- YOU KNOW, THIS IS-- BECOMES A COST FOR  
7 US. WE HAVE TO PAINT THE PLACES, WE HAVE TO CLEAN, AND IT'S  
8 NOT VERY-- IT'S NOT VERY NICE TO DO THAT. WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED  
9 WITH THE STRUCTURE, THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING  
10 THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE IT'S QUITE SAFE TO HOLD SO MANY PEOPLE  
11 IN THE SECOND FLOOR. THIS IS AN OLD BUILDING. AND, YOU KNOW, I  
12 APPRECIATE WHAT MRS. MOLINA STATED ABOUT THE CONDITIONS, THAT  
13 IT'S GOING TO BE SO THAT NO MUSIC IS AUDIBLE TO THE OUTSIDE. I  
14 WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, OUR WORKING  
15 SCHEDULE IS SO DIFFERENT AND WE NEED TO HAVE OUR REST. WE'RE  
16 ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOURS OF OPERATION, ALTHOUGH STATED  
17 FROM 10:00 TO 9:30, BUT WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL TIEMPO MEXICANO,  
18 MEXICAN TIME, SO YOU SAY, AH, GO A LITTLE BIT LONGER. SO WE'D  
19 LIKE TO HAVE IT FROM 10:00 TO 9:00, BUT TO BE AT 9:00, NOT TO  
20 BE LATER ON. AND I BELIEVE THESE ARE-- THE OTHER THING IS, YOU  
21 KNOW, THE PEOPLE, THE LAST TIME, WHO SPOKE AT THE LAST MEETING  
22 WE HAD, WE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF. I'D LIKE  
23 TO SEE THE PEOPLE WHO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS DANCE HALL OR THE  
24 DANCE STUDIO, TO SEE HOW MANY OF THOSE ACTUALLY LIVE IN OUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD. WE ARE COMING TO LIVE, BECAUSE WE LIVE THERE, WE



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1 ARE THE ONES AFFECTED BY THIS. LET'S SEE HOW MANY OF THOSE  
2 PEOPLE REALLY LIVE IN THE AREA. OKAY? AND I THANK YOU FOR THE  
3 TIME YOU'VE GIVEN ME AND I HOPE YOU CAN OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND  
4 MINDS FOR THIS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SIXTO NAVARRETE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.  
7 SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. THANK YOU FOR THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS HERE AS A COMMUNITY. I AM  
9 HEAR AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, AND  
10 SPECIFICALLY OUR LADY OF LAS SOLIDAD. THE ORIGINAL PLANNING  
11 COMMISSION APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF A PARKING PERMIT 03-135-1  
12 FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED AT 346 NORTH FORD BOULEVARD. THE  
13 BUSINESS PURPOSE IS TO OPERATE A DANCE STUDIO. WHAT WE  
14 STRONGLY OPPOSE REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THIS PERMIT IS THE  
15 DANCE STUDIO HAS RECEIVED EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THE COMMUNITY  
16 PARKING LOT. THIS ACTION, WE FEEL, WILL AFFECT THE RESIDENTS  
17 AND BUSINESSES. IT WAS STATED THAT THE PARKING FACILITY IS  
18 BEEN UNDERUSED. BUT THAT'S-- THAT COULD BE THE CASE DURING  
19 CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, BUT I CAN-- YOU KNOW, I THINK IF--  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU KNOW THE AREA QUITE WELL AND, ANY TIME  
21 THERE'S A FUNERAL AT THE CHURCH THAT HAS A LOT OF FRIENDS,  
22 EVERYTHING POURS OUT AND WE NEED, BECAUSE OF THAT PARKING  
23 FACILITY THERE, THAT HELPS OUT THE CHURCH. ANY TIME WE HAVE  
24 THE ANNUAL FIESTAS AT SOLEDAD, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE  
25 PERMIT PROCESS, AND THAT PARKING AREA HELPS THE CHURCH. WHEN



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1 THE SCHOOL HAS ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA WHERE THEY'RE AT  
2 BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY OR OUR LADY LAS SOLEDAD SCHOOL, THAT  
3 PARKING STRUCTURE HELPS THE CHURCH. SO WITH THERE'S REGIONAL  
4 PLANNING PERMIT GIVING EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THIS BUSINESS OWNER  
5 WHERE THEY'RE SAYING THAT NOBODY CAN PARK OTHER THAN THE  
6 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO GO TO THIS DANCE STUDIO, WE FEEL THAT  
7 IS UNFAIR. ADDITIONALLY, FROM ALL THE OTHER STATEMENTS THAT  
8 HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO YOU TODAY. SO WE'RE NOT HERE TO STOP  
9 BUSINESS IN THE AREA. WE'RE HERE TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS. THE  
10 ADDITIONAL ITEM IS THE DANCE STUDIO, THIS PERSON, THIS  
11 BUSINESS OWNER CAME TO GET A PERMIT THROUGH THE REGIONAL  
12 PLANNING WITH THE PREMISE OF A DANCE STUDIO BUT HAS BEEN  
13 OPERATING A DANCE HALL AND I'M SURE, IF HE WOULD HAVE  
14 PRESENTED THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
15 COMMISSION THAT "I WANT TO ANSWER A DANCEHALL," THERE WOULD  
16 HAVE BEEN A LOT OF OTHER DIFFERENT STIPULATIONS THAT WOULD  
17 HAVE BEEN PLACED AT HIM BEFORE THE PROCESS WAS EVER CONTINUED.  
18 SO THIS IS WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM AS FAR AS THE COMMUNITY.  
19 THE DANCE STUDIO IS ACTUALLY OPERATING A DANCE HALL. THUS, THE  
20 DANCE HALL IS ATTRACTING AN ELEMENT THAT CAUSES LOUD NOISE,  
21 DRUG USAGE, AND ALSO THE TAGGING SITUATION. THE SURROUNDING  
22 RESIDENTS HAVE TO SMELL MARIJUANA USAGE. IT'S A VERY COMMON  
23 SMELL THAT EVERYBODY-- ANYBODY CAN DETECT WHEN IT'S BEING  
24 USED. THEY HAVE TO COPE WITH THE LOUD MUSIC AND THE COMMUNITY  
25 PARKING FACILITY IS LEFT WITH TRASH AND BOTTLES. THE



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1 SURROUNDING BUSINESSES HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO PROMOTE THE  
2 BUSINESSES AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES IS THE PARKING  
3 AVAILABILITY. THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBJECT PARKING PERMIT WILL  
4 NOT ONLY AFFECT THE PARKING SITUATION, BUT ALSO AFFECT  
5 REVENUE, THE DAMAGE TO THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE WHO  
6 LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE RESIDENTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES  
7 HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE A FRIENDLY AND CLEAN  
8 ENVIRONMENT, SO WHAT WE ASK YOU TODAY IS TO RECONSIDER THE  
9 ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT IN THE MANNER THAT IT HAS BEEN ISSUED.  
10 WE ARE NOT UNREASONABLE. WE ENCOURAGE BUSINESS WITHIN OUR  
11 COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, BUSINESSES SHOULD TAKE...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. NAVARETTE, DO YOU WANT TO FINALIZE YOUR  
14 COMMENTS?

15

16 **SIXTO NAVARRETE:** YES, MA'AM. WELL, THE BOTTOM LINE IS,  
17 BASICALLY THAT WE'RE NOT HERE TO TELL SOMEBODY, "YOU CAN'T  
18 OPEN A BUSINESS," BUT BE REASONABLE AND, I MEAN, IF WE'RE ALL  
19 SHARING THE PARKING FACILITY, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SHARE IT.  
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GONZALEZ.

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24 **LUIS GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS LUIS GONZALEZ. I HAVE A BUSINESS IN  
25 FLORAL ON EASTERN AVENUE. WHEN I CAME INTO THIS COUNTRY, I WAS



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1 PENNILESS BUT, WITH MY WORK, I WORK AND THEN I BOUGHT A LOT IN  
2 THE CORNER ON EASTERN AND FORD, AND THEN I SUBMIT PLANS AND I  
3 SUBMIT EVERYTHING AND THEY REQUIRED 12 PARKING IN THAT  
4 BUSINESS. I WORK VERY HARD ANOTHER TWO YEARS IN ORDER TO BUY  
5 ANOTHER LOT SO I CAN PROVIDE THESE 12 PARKING LOTS. SO, WITH  
6 MY WORK AND WITH MY EFFORT AND WITH MY TALENT THAT I'M GIVING  
7 TO THIS COUNTRY, TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY, I'M TRYING TO ABIDE BY  
8 ALL THE RULES, BY ALL THE-- AND I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S FAIR  
9 TO SOMEONE THAT-- TO GIVE AWAY SOMETHING THAT IS-- WERE BUILT  
10 FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD GIVE  
11 PRIVILEGE OR LOOKS LIKE PRIVILEGE TO SOMEONE ELSE THAT CAN  
12 PROVIDE ENOUGH PARKING. WITH ALL THE DUE RESPECT AND WITH ALL  
13 THE HELP THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE STAFF, OUR SUPERVISOR,  
14 GLORIA MOLINA, THAT WE REALLY APPRECIATE, THAT IT IS NOT  
15 POSSIBLE TO KNOCK DOWN THIS PERMIT, IS TO REINFORCE VERY, VERY  
16 HARD THE CONDITIONS, THE OTHER CONDITIONS, NOT ONLY THE  
17 PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS, BUT THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS. AND THANK YOU  
18 VERY, VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **REBECA ZAPIEN:** EXCUSE ME. CAN I STEAL THE HALF A MINUTE THAT'S  
23 LEFT?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** QUICKLY.



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2 **REBECA ZAPIEN:** YES, IN THAT SAME REGARD, YOU KNOW, WE BUILT  
3 OUR HOUSE EIGHT YEARS AGO ON NEW YORK STREET, AND WE WERE  
4 REQUIRED TO BUILD A THREE-GARAGE-- THREE CAR GARAGE BECAUSE OF  
5 THE AMOUNT THAT THE SEVEN BEDROOMS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR HOUSE,  
6 AND I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR. WE WERE FORCED TO DO THIS, WE HAD  
7 TO SPEND EXTRA MONEY, AND NOW SOMEONE WITH A BUSINESS CAN COME  
8 IN AND EASILY TAKE OVER A PARKING LOT THAT'S FOR THE PUBLIC.  
9 YOU KNOW, WE WERE FORCED TO DO IT, HE WAS FORCED TO DO IT.  
10 (SPEAKING SPANISH).

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MUCHOS GRACIAS. I'M GOING TO CALL UP THE NEXT SET  
13 OF SPEAKERS. AGAIN, THIS IS AN ISSUE, AND MITIGATIONS HAVE  
14 BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR THIS BUSINESS. THIS IS NOT GIVING ANY  
15 EXCLUSIVE PARKING SPACES, THERE'S JUST A FINDING, AS I  
16 UNDERSTAND IT, THAT'S PUT IN PLACE THAT THIS WAS TO  
17 ACCOMMODATE THAT. I THINK THERE'S A MISINTERPRETATION, A  
18 MISUNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF SOME OF THE OPPOSITION. I'D LIKE  
19 TO CALL UP-- THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT WANT TO ADDRESS THAT  
20 ARE HERE IN SUPPORT, BUT THEY'VE CHOSEN THREE SPEAKERS, AND  
21 I'M GOING TO ASK ALL OF THEM TO COME UP. SPEAKING IS SINISHA  
22 KOSTICH, VERONICA PADIA, AND EDDY TORRES. IF THEY'D JOIN US.  
23 BUT IF YOU'D ALSO COME UP, EVEN THOUGH YOU WON'T BE SPEAKING  
24 TODAY, YVONNE MORIEL, RON MUKIEL, DANIEL CARTAHAGA, DANIEL



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1   MORALES, ERNIE MORALES, CAROL LEMON, JOHNNY-- IS IT GODINAS,  
2   AND NADINE MONGIEL, IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN US. PLEASE.

3

4   **SINISHA KOSTICH:** MY NAME IS SINISHA KOSTICH AND I'M THE OWNER  
5   OF THE PROPERTY AT 342 1/2 FORD NORTH BOULEVARD, AND I'M IN  
6   THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR THE PERMIT AND TRY TO OPEN UP A  
7   DANCE STUDIO, DANCE SCHOOL IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND I'D LIKE  
8   TO TELL YOU JUST A FEW SECONDS ABOUT MY BACKGROUND, WHICH TIES  
9   INTO THE DANCE STUDIO. I'M CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT LOS ANGELES  
10  HARBOR COLLEGE AND I USED TO WORK AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION  
11  TEACHER AT SAINT STEPHENSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH IS ON  
12  INDIANA STREET, AND WENT TO CAL STATE L.A., GRADUATED IN  
13  COUNSELING AND ALSO HAVE MINOR FROM BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
14  FROM UTAH IN DANCING. ALL MY LIFE, I WAS A DANCER; MORE SO AS  
15  A HOBBY AND BECAME, IN LAST ABOUT 10 YEARS, MY PROFESSION AS  
16  WELL AS COUNSELING AT HARBOR COLLEGE. DANCING IN MY LIFE  
17  HELPED ME OUT A LOT IN ACHIEVING MY GOALS BECAUSE I FIND IT  
18  VERY MOTIVATIONAL AND WAS GOOD RETENTION FOR ME TO STAY IN THE  
19  COLLEGE. I HAVE A LOT OF SKILLS IN DANCING TO GIVE TO THE  
20  STUDENTS, AS I'M GIVING RIGHT NOW AT L.A. HARBOR COLLEGE. SO  
21  THOSE SKILLS, ESPECIALLY THE DANCE WHO IS VERY POPULAR RIGHT  
22  NOW, SALSA, IS SUCH A GREAT STRESS RELIEVER AND A GREAT DANCE  
23  THAT WE ARE TEACHING AT HARBOR COLLEGE, AND WE HAVE A DANCE  
24  TEAM AND SO FORTH. AND OTHER DANCES, WE ARE TEACHING MORENGUE  
25  AND ARGENTINE TANGO AND OTHER DANCES WHO ARE VERY MOTIVATIONAL



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1 FOR STUDENTS TO STAY IN SCHOOL AND GOOD RETENTION. THAT'S WHY  
2 I LIKE TO OPEN A DANCE STUDIO IN EAST L.A. AND GIVE ALL THE  
3 SKILLS TO THE STUDIO AND TEACH THOSE DANCES. I'M NOT MEXICAN,  
4 I'M YUGOSLAVIAN, AND-- BUT THERE IS A SERBIAN CEMETERY, BY THE  
5 WAY, ON THIRD STREET AND EAST AVENUE AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE  
6 MAY SAY I DO NOT BELONG THERE, BUT I'M PROUD TO BE A  
7 YUGOSLAVIAN, AS EVERYBODY ELSE IS PROUD TO BE A MEXICAN OR  
8 MEXICAN-AMERICAN. SO I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I DO BELONG  
9 THERE BECAUSE MY ROOTS DO COME FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND WE HAVE A  
10 SERBIAN CEMETERY OR YUGOSLAVIAN CEMETERY IN EAST L.A. AS OTHER  
11 CEMETERIES. SO I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS THAT BECAUSE I FEEL A  
12 LITTLE BIT DISCRIMINATED AT TIMES, NOT ALL THE TIME, BECAUSE  
13 MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE FAIR AND VERY LOVING TO ME IN EAST LOS  
14 ANGELES, AND I HAVE GREAT FRIENDS AND MY BEST FRIENDS. SO I  
15 WANT TO BRING DANCE SCHOOL, DANCE STUDIO, AND ALL THE RESPECT  
16 OF PEOPLE WHO WERE TALKING BEFORE, I UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS  
17 BECAUSE I HAVE A DAUGHTER, A NINE YEARS DAUGHTER, AND I DON'T  
18 WANT HER TO BE EXPOSED TO DRUGS AND PROMISCUITY AND ALL OTHER  
19 THINGS. SO, ALL IN ALL, I LIKE TO OPEN JUST A DANCE SCHOOL,  
20 DANCE-- NOT A DANCE HALL WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PROVIDE  
21 LIABILITY IN STRESSFUL SITUATIONS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE  
22 STRESSED OUT, BECAUSE, IF THAT WOULD HAPPEN, IF I WAS GOING TO  
23 DO THAT, I WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE TO SHUT IT DOWN AND JUST USE  
24 IT FOR STORAGE BECAUSE IT'S MUCH EASIER AND THE MONEY IS GOING  
25 TO BE THE SAME, SO THERE IS NO REASON FOR ME TO DO A PROJECT



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1 WHICH IS GOING TO CREATE A LIABILITY AND STRESSFUL SITUATION.

2 JUST A BEAUTIFUL, PASSIONATE DANCING AND WHICH WOULD...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO, MR. KOSTICH, YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM

5 WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE, YOU'RE

6 WILLING TO ACCEPT THOSE? CORRECT?

7

8 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** MOST OF THEM. IF YOU DON'T MIND, MY CLASSES

9 ARE KIND OF LARGE. 45 STUDENTS, IF I CAN PUSH IT TO 75, AS WE

10 HAD BEFORE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE, IF YOU GO TO MY...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, AGAIN, WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS WE WANT TO

13 MONITOR WHAT IS GOING ON. THAT'S WHY WE CREATED THE SIX

14 MONTHS, HOPEFULLY, WHILE THERE'S AN HONORING OF THAT. WE DON'T

15 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE DANCE STUDIO, AS YOU'VE DESCRIBED, BUT

16 THERE ARE CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY, I THINK THIS WAS

17 MISINTERPRETED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AND THAT'S WHY I PUT

18 THE SIX MONTHS' CONDITION IN SO THAT YOU CAN COME BACK, IT

19 WOULD BE REVISITED AND YOU'D HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND

20 YOUR BUSINESS AT THAT POINT.

21

22 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** NO PROBLEM, YEAH. SURE. QUESTION ABOUT THE

23 SIX-FOOT WALL. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS FOR THE SIX-FOOT

24 WALL, BECAUSE THE STUDIO IS ON THE SECOND FLOOR, IT DOESN'T



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1 REALLY MAKE SENSE TO PUT SIX-FOOT WALL ON THE BOTTOM BECAUSE  
2 THE SOUND WOULD GO OVER ANYWAY, SO THAT WOULD BE MY...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT WE FOUND  
5 IT AS A CONDITION THAT IS NECESSARY BUT, LIKE THE PARKING LOTS  
6 THAT WERE BUILT BY CDC IN ORDER FOR THE BUSINESSES TO EXPAND  
7 AND TO FLOURISH WITHIN THAT WHOLE AREA, THEY WILL BE HELPING  
8 YOU IN FACILITATING THAT PROCESS, AND SO THEY'LL BE A PARTNER  
9 WITH YOU IN THAT.

10

11 **SINISHA KOSTICH:** I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, MISS GLORIA  
12 MOLINA.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO NEXT WE HAVE VERONICA PADIA.

15

16 **VERONICA PADIA:** MY NAME IS VERONICA PADIA, I AM-- GO TO GO TO  
17 COLLEGE AND I WORK AT CAF CALIFAS AND, ASIDE FROM THE PARKING  
18 LOT, WHICH IS-- THERE ARE 75 PARKING LOTS ACROSS THE STREET. I  
19 WORK FOUR DAYS CONSECUTIVELY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND  
20 SUNDAY, AND THERE ARE NO CARS, YOU KNOW, ON THE OTHER SIDE  
21 AND, OTHER THAN THAT, YOU KNOW, LIKE THEY MENTIONED BEFORE,  
22 THERE IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I HAVE HAD FOLKLORICO FOR FOUR  
23 YEARS, EVER SINCE THE SECOND GRADE AND, TO BE A DANCING  
24 STUDIO, NOT A DANCE HALL, YOU'LL LEARN TO SOCIALIZE, YOU'LL  
25 LEARN FOR NEW GENERATION, OLD GENERATIONS TO COMMUNICATE, TO



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1 KNOW WHAT A CULTURE IS. NOT ONLY THAT, CULTURE IS NOT ONLY  
2 FOOD, YOU KNOW, LITERATURE, ART. IT'S ALSO MUSIC. MUSIC THAT  
3 IS NOT EVERY PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF, LIKE TANGO, YOU KNOW? TANGO  
4 OR FLOKLORDICAO, WHICH IS MEXICAN OR ANY OTHER KIND OF MUSIC,  
5 YOU KNOW? WE NEED TO LEARN THAT. WE NEED TO ENRICH OURSELVES  
6 EVEN MORE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, BY OPENING A DANCE HALL-- A DANCE  
7 STUDIO, ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DANCE, NOT ONLY  
8 THAT, MORE, OLDER GENERATIONS, NEW GENERATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO  
9 KNOW-- WILL BE ABLE TO BE OUT OF THE STREETS BECAUSE THAT'S  
10 WHAT WE NEED. YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY  
11 SERVICE, COMMUNITY, ANY OTHER TYPE OF THAT, BUT WE ALSO, YOU  
12 KNOW, PEOPLE DO LOVE MUSIC. YOU KNOW? AND WHAT WAY TO EXPRESS  
13 YOUR EMOTIONS, WHAT WAY TO EXPRESS HIDDEN TALENT THAN, YOU  
14 KNOW, IN A DANCING STUDIO. AND, LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE, YOU  
15 KNOW, I LIVED IN EAST L.A. FOR 20 YEARS AND I'M PROUD TO SAY  
16 THAT, YOU KNOW, I LOVE MY CULTURE AND, YOU KNOW, BY HAVING A  
17 DANCING STUDIO, YOU KNOW, ONLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO ENRICH AND  
18 EXPAND THAT CULTURE THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT EAST L.A. IN THAT  
19 FORM, IN THAT TYPE OF WAY, AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK  
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS PADIA. NEXT WE HAVE MR. EDDIE  
23 TORRES.

24

25 **EDDIE TORRES:** EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MAY I GO LAST?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ARE LAST. [ LAUGHTER ]

3

4 **EDDIE TORRES:** OH. CAN I STAND UP?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, YOU CAN.

7

8 **EDDIE TORRES:** OKAY. AFTER HEARING THE COMMENTS OF THE  
9 OPPOSITION, I FEEL THAT THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE  
10 HERE KNOWING THAT MY TESTIMONY, WHY I'M COMING FROM. MY  
11 FAMILY'S BEEN IN EAST LOS ANGELES SINCE THE 1920S. I STILL  
12 RESIDE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I'M CURRENTLY THE EAST LOS ANGELES  
13 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT AND MY  
14 BACKGROUND FROM GOING TO FORD STREET TO GRIFFITH TO GARFIELD,  
15 I WAS A GANG MEMBER. I GOT OUT OF A GANG WHEN I WAS ABOUT 20  
16 YEARS OLD AND I KNOW WHAT EAST LOS ANGELES IS ALL ABOUT. AS A  
17 MATTER OF FACT, SO MUCH SO THAT ONCE, ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO, I  
18 OBTAINED-- I BID ON AND OBTAINED A GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTRACT  
19 FROM THE BUSINESS PERSONS ASSOCIATION AND I WAS THE LOWEST  
20 BIDDER, OF COURSE, AND I DONATED "X" AMOUNT OF HOURS, BUT I  
21 WENT VIGOROUSLY ON THE WEEKENDS, EVEN THE DAY OF THE PARADE IN  
22 SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, I WENT AND I DONATED HOURS BEFORE 6:00  
23 TO TAKE OFF THE GRAFFITI. IT WAS ALWAYS AND IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
24 A SORE SPOT FOR GRAFFITI, BUT IN THAT AREA FROM FORT BOULEVARD  
25 TO MENYICK AND FROM THIRD STREET ALL THE WAY TO FLORAL I



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1 PICKED AREAS THAT I ALREADY KNEW WHERE THE GRAFFITI WAS GOING  
2 TO BE AT, BUT IT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME PEOPLE. I'VE SEEN  
3 PICTURES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE SAME PICTURES, 12, 14  
4 PICTURES OF DIFFERENT ANGLES OF THE SAME PICTURE. THAT'S VERY  
5 UNFAIR AND UNJUST AND MISLEADING. I'VE PASSED THE BY THE  
6 VARIANCES PARKING LOT THAT'S BEING REQUESTED FOR 34-- 342 1/2  
7 AND I SEE THAT THAT PARKING LOT IS ALWAYS UNDERUTILIZED. THE  
8 LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WROTE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF  
9 THE BUSINESS. I CAN SPEAK TO THIS AND ATTEST TO THIS. MANY  
10 YEARS AGO, WHEN THERE WAS ANOTHER ESTABLISHMENT THERE, THERE  
11 WAS ALWAYS GRAFFITI AND IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS A DESOLATE AREA,  
12 BUT SINISHA KOSTICH, WHO IS A EAST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF  
13 COMMERCE MEMBER, PAID IN GOOD STANDING, HAS PUT HIS OWN MONEY  
14 IN THERE. HE HASN'T WAITED FOR CDC TO KICK IN SOME FUNDS. HE'S  
15 BEEN OUT THERE WITH HIS OWN HEART AND BLOOD AND SOUL AND HARD  
16 WORK AND HAS EVEN TRIED TO PAY ME TO GIVE A SPECIAL LOOKOUT  
17 FOR THE GRAFFITI PROJECT, BUT I DIDN'T ACCEPT HIS MONEY, I DID  
18 IT FOR FREE. AND ALL THAT I CAN SAY IS THAT ON THAT ASPECT  
19 ABOUT WHAT THIS WOULD DO IS IT'S A CULTURAL THING. PEOPLE  
20 LEAVE EAST LOS ANGELES TO GO TO PICO RIVERA AND OUT OF THE  
21 AREA, AMANI, DOWNTOWN, BOYLE HEIGHTS TO TAKE DANCE LESSONS. I,  
22 MYSELF, I'M AN EX GANG MEMBER AND I'M SAYING IT PROUDLY  
23 BECAUSE I'M REHABILITATED, I'VE BEEN SOBER FOR 12 YEARS, BUT  
24 I'M NOT GOING TO GO DANCING. BUT IF YOU SEE THAT AREA ON FORD  
25 BOULEVARD AFTER 6:00, IT'S DARK EXCEPT FOR THE CALIFE'S CAFE.



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1 SO WOULDN'T THIS INDUCE PEOPLE COMING IN AND TRAFFIC AND MORE  
2 OF A PROSPEROUS AREA, THAT IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE GANG  
3 ACTIVITY AND STUFF, THAT IT WOULD HAVE PEOPLE VISUALLY THERE  
4 AND THE SHERIFFS WOULD KNOW AND THEY WOULD BE MORE APT TO BE  
5 OUT THERE ON A REGULAR BASIS? LIKE I SAID, I REPRESENT THE  
6 EAST L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE DON'T-- IS AND THIS IS  
7 SOMETHING UNIQUE. WE HAVE A SMALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ABOUT  
8 ONE-THIRD OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EITHER-- ALSO LIVES AND  
9 WORKS IN EAST LOS ANGELES, SO WE HAVE TO LIVE, BREATHE, AND  
10 STAND BY WHAT WE SAY. I LOST TIME, SO CAN I HAVE THE LAST  
11 MINUTE OF HER TWO MINUTES? WOULD THAT BE FINE? NO?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE FINISH UP, MR. TORRES.

14

15 **EDDIE TORRES:** SO IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO SAY I SUPPORT THE  
16 DANCE STUDIO AND CALIFA'S CAFE, AND I ASK THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT, THEY'VE BEEN CALLED FOR HAVING OUTSIDE BANDS. WE  
18 MET WITH THEM AFTER THE LAST CALL, CALIFA'S CAFE, AND THEY  
19 PROMISED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE BANDS THERE, AND IT  
20 WAS NOT COMING FROM THE DANCE STUDIO. GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK  
21 YOU AND I HOPE YOU MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS FOR ECONOMIC  
22 ADVANTAGES, AND I WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON TO STAND HERE IN  
23 FRONT OF YOU AND TELL YOU TO PULL THE PERMIT IF ANYTHING GOES  
24 ON THAT YOU HAVE SAID THAT WE CAN'T HAVE. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING  
2   DOWN. THE MOTION THAT IS BEFORE YOU IS A COMPROMISE. THE OWNER  
3   HERE REALLY HAD THE ZONING AND EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THIS  
4   BUSINESS. THE ONLY THING THAT WE ARE DOING IN THESE CONDITIONS  
5   ARE BEING PLACED ON THIS BUSINESS IS ONLY FOR A MERE FINDING  
6   OF CREATING THE ADDITIONAL PARKING AND THESE PARKING LOTS WERE  
7   CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THAT BUSINESS DISTRICT TO FLOURISH  
8   AND CERTAINLY TO EXPAND. AND SO THE REALITY IS THESE ARE TOUGH  
9   CONDITIONS ON THE OWNER BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK THEY'RE  
10   CONDITIONS THAT CAN BE MET UNDER A STUDIO REQUIREMENT, AND I  
11   THINK THAT IT IS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY  
12   AND CAN BE REVISITED IN SIX MONTHS, NOT ONLY TO GIVE THE OWNER  
13   THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HIS CASE ONCE AGAIN, BUT, MORE  
14   IMPORTANTLY, DEMONSTRATE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HE IS A  
15   RESPONSIBLE BUSINESSMAN WHO LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO  
16   EXPAND HIS BUSINESS IN THIS COMMUNITY, SO THE MOTION IS BEFORE  
17   YOU. DO I MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPT THE  
18   MOTIONS?

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE NEED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING,  
21   IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23   **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO CLOSE  
2   THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
3   SO ORDERED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THE ITEM WILL BE MOVED AS  
4   PER SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, AND THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.  
5   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE ].

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 8.

12

13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO PURCHASE 28.11 ACRES OF  
14   UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED LA  
15   SIERRA CANYON AREA FROM THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND  
16   CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR.  
17   CHAIRMAN.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DOES THIS ITEM REQUIRE A STAFF REPORT?  
20   OKAY. IF NOT, IS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? OKAY. THE ITEM,  
21   THE CHAIR WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE ITEM'S BE FOREST-  
22   - BE FOREST. US. GET THAT? IT'S PRETTY FUNNY. MOVED BY  
23   SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT  
24   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 9, HEARING ON PROPOSED APPLICATION  
2 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE LEGAL  
3 BASIS FOR THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO CITE TRAFFIC  
4 VIOLATORS ON THE PRIVATELY OWNED AND MAINTAINED ROADS IN THREE  
5 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES, AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
6 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DOES THIS ITEM REQUIRE A STAFF REPORT?  
9 OKAY. IF NOT, THEN THE PUBLIC HEARING IS OPEN. ANYONE SIGNED  
10 UP TO SPEAK? IF NOT, THE CHAIR WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.  
11 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
13 IS THAT IT? OKAY. DOES THAT CONCLUDE ALL THE PUBLIC HEARING  
14 ITEMS? PARDON ME?

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN WE'LL MOVE TO THE REGULAR AGENDA AND  
19 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
22 OF DR. ARNOLD BECKMAN, WHO WAS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST,  
23 INVENTOR, BUSINESSMAN, AND PROFESSOR, WHO USED HIS EARNINGS TO  
24 BECOME ONE OF CAL TECH UNIVERSITY'S GREATEST BENEFACTORS,  
25 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 18TH AT THE AGE OF 104. WHILE PROFESSOR AT



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1 CAL TECH IN 1934, HE INVENTED A VERY SIMPLE METHOD TO MEASURE  
2 THE ACIDITY OF CALIFORNIA LEMONS. THAT INVENTION, NOW KNOWN AS  
3 THE P.H. METER AND USED IN CITRUS PROCESSING PLANTS, WAS THE  
4 START OF HIS LIFE AS AN INVENTOR. IN 1935, HE FOUNDED NATIONAL  
5 TECHNICAL LABORATORIES, LATER RENAMED BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS,  
6 AND, DURING WORLD WAR II, ONE OF HIS INVENTIONS WAS A  
7 COMPONENT USED IN RADAR SYSTEMS. HE GENEROUSLY DONATED TO  
8 UNIVERSITIES AND CHARITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BY HIS 100TH  
9 BIRTHDAY, HE HAD DONATED MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A BILLION  
10 DOLLARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN AND IS MISSED BY  
11 THE COMMUNITY. ALSO PHILLIP CARLTON, LONG-TIME LEONA VALLEY  
12 RESIDENT, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16TH, AND HE WAS A LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY FIREFIGHTER FOR 28 YEARS AND A BUILDING CONTRACTOR FOR  
14 15, A U.S. NAVY VETERAN DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. KAREN JUUL  
15 VEJLO FRIEDMANN, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN DENMARK, WHERE SHE  
16 MOVED, MET HER HUSBAND. THEY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WHEN HERBERT  
17 WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY. SHE CONTINUED TO DO SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION FOR  
19 THE MUSEUM, UP FROM-- UNTIL-- FROM 1987 UP UNTIL HER DEATH.  
20 SHE WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR HER KINDNESS,  
21 INTELLECT, ENERGY, GRACE, AND STYLE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
22 DAUGHTER AND SISTER. WILLIAM S. HART, JR., THE SON OF THE  
23 SILENT FILM ACTOR, WILLIAM HART, SR. WINIFRED WESTOVER HEART,  
24 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. HE SERVED IN THE OFFICE AS  
25 STRATEGIC SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II, WHICH WAS THE



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1 FORERUNNER OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND AFTER MANY  
2 YEARS IN STRUGGLING TO SECURE HIS FATHER'S RANCH IN NEWHALL,  
3 TURNED TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND APPRAISAL AND TAUGHT FOR  
4 SOME 40 YEARS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF  
5 CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND  
6 SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
7 WIFE, ROSALYN, AND THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS. LARRY JONES, FORMER  
8 DIRECTOR OF STREET MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
9 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. JOHN YOSHIO NAKA, THE WORLD  
10 RENOWNED BONSAI MASTER WHO WAS CREDITED WITH BRINGING THE ART  
11 TO WESTERN CULTURE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. WIDELY  
12 REGARDED AS ONE OF THE GREATEST BONSAI MASTERS OF HIS TIME,  
13 EVEN IN JAPAN, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED DOZENS OF HONORS FOR HIS  
14 WORK AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO TEACH THE ART TO PEOPLE OF ALL  
15 NATIONS AND CULTURES. HE AND FOUR OTHER BONSAI ENTHUSIASTS  
16 FOUNDED THE CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY WHERE HE SERVED AS  
17 PRESIDENT FOR 32 YEARS. ALSO WAS A AUTHOR OF DEFINITIVE BOOKS  
18 ON THE ART WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSLATED INTO FIVE LANGUAGES. AND  
19 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ALICE, AND THEIR THREE SONS.  
20 MARILYN REECE, THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE REGISTERED AS A CIVIL  
21 ENGINEER IN CALIFORNIA AND THE DESIGNER OF THE SAN DIEGO/SANTA  
22 MONICA FREEWAY INTERCHANGE IN OUR COUNTY. SHE PASSED AWAY AT  
23 THE AGE OF 77. SHE JOINED CALTRANS, WHICH WAS THEN CALLED THE  
24 STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, BACK IN 1948, AND IN '54, BECAME  
25 THE STATE'S FIRST FULLY LICENSED FEMALE CIVIL ENGINEER. SHE



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1 RECEIVED THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD IN 1962 FOR  
2 THE FREEWAY INTERCHANGE AND, DURING HER 35 YEARS, SERVED AS A  
3 SENIOR ENGINEER FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 210 FREEWAY THROUGH  
4 SUNLAND. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE  
5 OF WHICH WORKS FOR OUR COUNTY AS A INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
6 MANAGER, ANN BARTOLI.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAD THAT ADJOURNMENT AS WELL, IF I COULD JOIN  
9 IN ON THAT ADJOURNMENT, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EARLINE BEEBE DEMEY, LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY  
12 RESIDENT AND WAS A COOK AT THE WAYSIDE RESTAURANT. AND THOSE  
13 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ON ITEM 13, YOU HAVE...

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST...

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE FINE. AMENDMENTS,  
22 WHICH ARE FINE, AND SO--

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MY AND...

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MY MEMO WOULD BE TO CONSISTENT THE  
2   WORK WITH AUTHOR.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WILL MOVE THAT OR SECOND IT, HOWEVER  
5   YOU WANT TO DO IT.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AMEND SUPERVISOR  
8   ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATION TO WORK WITH AUTHOR VERSUS  
9   SUPPORT. AND THAT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION TAKEN BY  
10   THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE-- WE'VE GOT  
11   THE MOTION.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN I HAD...

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WITH-- AS AMENDED, WE HAVE-- WE  
16   HAVE THE MOTION RIGHT HERE. OKAY. DON'T GET NERVOUS. YOU'LL BE  
17   OKAY. IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT JUST FINE. WE HAVE 142 COPIES FOR  
18   YOU. SO, ITEM 13, AS AMENDED, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT  
19   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, TWO OTHER ADJOURNMENTS. GRACE GAMET,  
22   PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 101 ON MAY 17TH. SHE WAS QUITE  
23   INFORMED ON ALL CURRENT AFFAIRS UNTIL ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE HER  
24   DEATH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, KEITH, AND A LARGE FAMILY  
25   THAT EXTENDS TO NINE GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HER SON,



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1 KEITH, AND I WERE INSTRUCTORS AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN EL  
2 SERENO FOR A FEW YEARS PRIOR TO MY ENTERING THE STATE  
3 LEGISLATURE. AND ALSO FATHER SHAHE SEMERDJIAN, WHO WAS PASTOR  
4 EMERITUS OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
5 MAY 22ND AT THE AGE OF 88, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
6 ALLISON, AND FOUR CHILDREN AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN. AND THAT'S  
7 ALL, MR. CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK I'VE TAKEN CARE OF ALL OF MY ITEMS. ON  
12 ADJOURNMENTS, I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
13 MEMORY OF HECTOR BARRETTEO, SR., WHO IS THE FOUNDER AND FORMER  
14 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
15 AFTER WORKING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MR. BARRETTEO, ALONG WITH  
16 OTHER LATINO BUSINESSMEN FOUNDED THE CHAMBER IN KANSAS IN 1979  
17 AND, OVER THE YEARS, HAS GROWN INTO A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
18 THAT HAS ADDRESSED MANY OF THE ISSUES, LATINO AND BUSINESSES,  
19 AND PUT THEM ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AGENDA. HECTOR'S ALWAYS  
20 BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF POLITICS AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
21 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS SON AND CERTAINLY ALL OF HIS FAMILY  
22 AND FRIENDS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WE DID AN ADJOURNMENT LAST WEEK FOR LES BENSON,  
2   DIDN'T WE?

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, WE DID.

5

6   **SUP. BURKE:** BOBBY JOE LAWRENCE, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF OFFICE OF  
7   THE ASSESSOR, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 8. HE WAS HIRED AS AN  
8   APPRAISER JANUARY 6, 1964. THROUGH HIS LONG CAREER WITH THE  
9   DEPARTMENT, HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS AND WAS APPOINTED TO  
10   DIRECTOR OF ASSESSOR'S OPERATIONS BY KENNETH HAHN DECEMBER  
11   3RD, 1990. BOBBY RETIRED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1993, AFTER MORE THAN  
12   29 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SONS ANTHONY AND  
13   KENNETH. VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ, BELOVED SISTER OF CARLOS JACKSON,  
14   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND  
15   HOUSING AUTHORITY.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE:** BEVERLY JOHNSON PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 23RD.  
20   SHE WAS THE FOUNDER OF FAUNA FOUNDATION IN MALIBU, AN ANIMAL  
21   RESCUE ORGANIZATION. SHE SPENT HER LIFE RESCUING OVER 800 TO A  
22   THOUSAND ANIMALS IN HER LIFETIME. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
23   HUSBAND, MARLIN PEYTON. VERNON JARED, WHO PASSED AWAY OF  
24   CANCER AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS A PIONEERING BLACK JOURNALIST  
25   WHO USED HIS SYNDICATED NEWSPAPER COLUMNS AND LONG-RUNNING



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1 RADIO AND TELEVISION SHOWS TO EDUCATE AMERICANS ABOUT THE  
2 NATION'S LEGACY OF SLAVERY AND SEGREGATION. HE WON DOZENS OF  
3 JOURNALISM AND HUMANITARIAN AWARDS AND NURTURED A POLITICAL  
4 MOVEMENT THAT CULMINATED IN 1983 ELECTION OF HAROLD  
5 WASHINGTON, CHICAGO'S FIRST BLACK MAYOR. IN 1977, HE FOUNDED  
6 THE AFRO- ACADEMIC CULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC  
7 OLYMPICS, AN INTELLECTUAL COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
8 UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE N.A.A.C.P. ACTSO. THIS  
9 ORGANIZATION HAS AWARDED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN  
10 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IN ADDITION TO HIS SON, THOMAS, HE IS  
11 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FERNETTA. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
12 ADJOURNMENTS. SO MOVED.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNDER MY ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST OF ALL,  
19 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JUNE PRATT. JUNE IS THE  
20 SISTER OF MY BEST FRIEND, GEORGE HARVEY. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY  
21 GEORGE AND HIS FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
22 HELEN KELLOGG. HELEN WAS A BIXBY KNOWLS ICON IN LONG BEACH.  
23 SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88 ON MAY 15TH. SHE WAS VERY  
24 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND P.T.A. ACTIVITIES AT LONGFELLOW  
25 AND POLY, BOOSTER CLUBS, MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S CHILDREN



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1 AUXILIARY, PETROLEUM CLUB, A LIFE MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH  
2 ASSISTANT LEAGUE AND VERY INVOLVED IN THE PREDECESSOR GROUP TO  
3 WHAT IS NOW THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERATED. SHE IS SURVIVED  
4 BY HER SONS, JEFFREY, WHO IS A LONG BEACH COLLEGE TRUSTEE,  
5 FORMER 8TH DISTRICT COUNCILMAN. HER SON, KEITH, RETIRED FROM  
6 THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AS A LIEUTENANT GENERAL. HER SON,  
7 MIKE, HONORABLE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE AND DAUGHTER, KATHY, WHO  
8 IS A PH.D. AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST. HELEN WAS JUST A DEAR  
9 LADY AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL IN LONG BEACH. ALSO THAT WE  
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDSAY ZORICH. LINDSAY IS A BELOVED  
11 NINE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF DEPUTY RICHARD ZORICH AND HIS WIFE,  
12 CYNTHIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 22ND FROM A RARE, DEBILITATING  
13 DISEASE. DEPUTY ZORICH IS PART OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF  
14 TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU, ASSIGNED AS A COURT DEPUTY. OUR  
15 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT THIS MOST  
16 DIFFICULT TIME. THEY JUST LOST THEIR SON A FEW MONTHS BEFORE  
17 TO THIS VERY SERIOUS DISEASE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
18 MEMORY OF VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ, BUT WE DID THAT, CARLOS' SISTER,  
19 AND ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR.  
20 ARNOLD PLANK, WHO ENJOYED A CAREER IN PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT  
21 WAS LONGER THAN MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, INCLUDING NINE YEARS  
22 OF SUPERINTENDENT AT TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
23 FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT IN 2002, HE TAUGHT GRADUATE LEVEL  
24 CLASSES AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS. HE'S  
25 VERY INVOLVED IN THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY. HE'S A MEMBER OF DELL



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1 ALMA ROTARY CLUB, Y.M.C.A. CHAMBER, SYMPHONY ASSOCIATIONS AND  
2 PEDIATRIC THERAPY NETWORK. VERY SUDDEN, AND HE WILL BE MISSED  
3 BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LEROY CENTER, A  
4 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND MAYOR OF THAT CITY A  
5 NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. HE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PLANNING  
6 AND DEVELOPMENT OF KING HARBOR, CITY HALL, AND THE POLICE  
7 DEPARTMENT. HE SERVED AS A PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER, CHAIRMAN  
8 OF THE Y.M.C.A. AND WAS NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN 1957.  
9 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EUGENE CURE, WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD FOR OVER  
11 30 YEARS AND MEMBER OF THE LAKEWOOD CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN  
12 CHURCH. HE WAS AN ELDER MEMBER OF THE CHOIR. OFFICER HONORABLY  
13 DISCHARGED OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. HE  
14 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RUBY PYERS, AND TWO DAUGHTERS, SHARON  
15 AND SANDRA AND TONY, A HOST OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND EUGENE  
16 REALLY HAS BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_ OUT IN THE  
17 SOUTHEAST AREA AND RUBY AND EUGENE JUST GOT TOGETHER A FEW  
18 YEARS AGO AND JUST MARRIED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, SO IT'S A  
19 VERY TRAGIC LOSS FOR RUBY AND SO OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE  
20 WITH HER AND THE FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
21 CLAIRE CRANE, A LONG-TIME TORRANCE RESIDENT, TEACHER, AND  
22 CIVIC LEADER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, LARRY, AND SON,  
23 CLIFF. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD BRUTON, WHO  
24 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. HE HAD A SANDBLASTING PLANT IN  
25 THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER, HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE



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1 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HE WAS AN ATOMIC SUBMARINE VETERAN OF  
2 WORLD WAR II. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY, TWO SONS,  
3 KELLY AND KENT, DAUGHTER, SUE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO  
4 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOAQUIN ACOSTA, A LIFELONG  
5 RESIDENT OF SOUTH BAY. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR  
6 FORCE...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT JOAQUIN FROM SACRAMENTO?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, HE BECAME AN ADMINISTRATOR AT  
11 U.C.L.A. AND LATER L.M.U. AND THEN FINISHED HIS CAREER AS A  
12 LOBBYIST.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. ADD ME TO THAT, WILL YOU?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW HIM, YVONNE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** [ INDISTINCT VOICE ].

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARILYN  
23 REESE, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I WANTED  
24 TO BE ON THAT AS WELL, TOO, ON-- WE DID THAT EARLIER. WITH



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1 THAT, SO ORDERED. I HELD-- WELL, FIRST OF ALL, ITEM 23 WAS  
2 HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. GENEVIEVE?

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4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS  
5 IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M, AS USUAL, CONCERNED. YOU KNOW,  
6 IT'S TWO WORD I REACT -- SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT. JUST MAKE ME,  
7 YOU KNOW, VERY UPSET. AND ITEM 23 REALLY HAVE NUMEROUS SOLE  
8 VENDOR CONTRACTS AND EXTENSIONS SO WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO WAY,  
9 YOU KNOW, IF THEY REALLY DESERVE THOSE CONTRACTS. BY THE SAME  
10 TOKEN, I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL THE INFORMATION I  
11 REQUESTED ON THE CAMDEN GROUP, UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC  
12 RECORD ACT. ACCORDING TO THAT ACT, YOU HAVE 10 DAYS TO  
13 RESPOND. THAT WAS MORE THAN A MONTH AGO. I RECEIVE FEW  
14 SCATTERED DOCUMENTS, WHO EVEN INCREASED MY CONCERN EVEN MORE.  
15 WE HAVE TWO INVOICES FOR FINAL BILL. ONE SAY THE CHARGE IS  
16 \$61,573 FOR INTERIM MANAGEMENT. THE OTHER ONE WITH THE SAME  
17 NUMBER IS 61,500,000. ON STAFFING ASSESSMENT, ONE SAID  
18 \$28,370. THE OTHER ONE SAID \$24,000. WHICH ONE IS IT? BOTH  
19 INVOICES HAVE THE SAME NUMBER. IF THAT'S THE KIND OF SHODDY  
20 WORK THEY'RE DOING IN M.L.K., NO WONDER WE HAVE NOT ANY  
21 PROGRESS. I AM TOTALLY APPALLED. ALSO, YOU KNOW, THAT'S A  
22 COMPANY WHO INVEST IN EL SEGUNDO. AND, AS FAR AS I'M  
23 CONCERNED, EL SEGUNDO IS NOT THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY FROM LOS  
24 ANGELES, SO WHY ARE WE PAYING \$8,554 FOR AIRFARE AND THEN  
25 ANOTHER \$398 FOR AIRFARE? WHY ARE WE PAYING \$8,908 FOR HOTEL?



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1 BUT, OF COURSE, THAT WAS ONE OF THOSE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT, AS  
2 USUAL. I AM APPALLED. AND THE TYPE OF WORK I HAVE RECEIVED,  
3 SHOW, CERTAINLY, NO PROFESSIONALISM. AND THAT'S A COST OF  
4 \$61,000 A MONTH FOR AN INTERIM MANAGEMENT IS A DISGRACE, AND I  
5 STILL WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE MONEY THEY  
6 HAVE RECEIVED AND I WILL DEMAND A FULL INQUIRY OF WHAT'S GOING  
7 ON AT M.L.K. IT'S APPALLING. AND ME, SEE, I DON'T CHARGE YOU  
8 NOTHING FOR MY STATEMENTS AND I HAVE PROBABLY MORE EXPERTISE,  
9 SO FOR FREE TO YOU, I WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE  
10 MOTIVATION IN THE NURSING PROFESSION. YOU MAY READ IT. YOU MAY  
11 LEARN SOMETHING. THANK YOU. AND WHEN CAN I EXPECT THE  
12 INFORMATION?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHICH ONE?

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I MEAN, EVERYTHING ON THE CAMDEN GROUP.  
17 ALL I ASK IS TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS, YOU KNOW. I WANT-- ALL  
18 THEY GIVE ME WAS A DRAFT. FOR HALF A MILLION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU TALKED ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS HERE,  
21 GENEVIEVE. ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE CAMDEN GROUP?

22

23 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CAMDEN GROUP.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT BESIDES THE...?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'VE ALREADY REQUESTED IT.

3

4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I KNOW BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE  
5 INFORMATION AND WHAT I HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR..

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET US TRY AND GET A DATE FOR YOU,  
8 GENEVIEVE, OKAY? WE WILL MAKE THAT-- BUT WE HAD REQUESTED  
9 THAT.

10

11 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH, I KNOW YOU HAVE, AND I RECEIVE YOUR  
12 LETTER AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THE SAME, IS NOT  
13 TOTAL TRUTH. AND WHAT WE ARE PAYING AND WHAT WE HAVE PAID AT  
14 M.L.K. FOR THE KIND OF, YOU KNOW, REPORT I HAVE RECEIVED SO  
15 FAR IS A DISGRACE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY  
16 REALLY LOOK AT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. I AM AN EXPERT IN  
17 HEALTHCARE. I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT WILLING TO HONOR THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T MIND GIVING INFORMATION, BUT JUST BECAUSE  
24 SHE HAS A POINT OF VIEW THAT IT'S DISGRACEFUL, I AM NOT  
25 WILLING TO HONOR THAT.



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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, EXCUSE ME!

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT MIGHT YOUR POINT OF VIEW, MA'AM.

5

6 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M JUST A PUBLIC RECORD. I HAVE THE  
7 RIGHT...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ARE ENTITLED TO LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS BUT TO  
10 HAVE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY REVIEW IT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, NOBODY'S GRANTING THAT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I DIDN'T DEMAND IT. I SAID IT WOULD BE A  
17 GOOD IDEA, AND I HAVE-- YOU KNOW, I AM IN THE U.S. RIGHT NOW  
18 AND I HAVE RIGHT TO EXPRESS MY OPINION. YOU ALLOW ALL THE  
19 PEOPLE WHO CAME EARLIER TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION. I HAVE THE  
20 SAME RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM NOT OPPOSED TO YOUR OPINION. AGAIN, WHETHER  
23 AN OUTSIDE AGENCY REVIEWS IT IS A MATTER OF WHICH THIS BOARD  
24 MAKES A DETERMINATION.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED ON THE COSTS,  
2   THOUGH, I THINK WE NEED A RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, YOU  
3   KNOW, A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ALL MEMBERS. OKAY. THE ITEM IS  
4   THEN BEFORE US. MOVED BY...

5

6   **SUP. BURKE:** (INDISTINCT VOICE).

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8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
9   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I ALSO HELD  
10   25-A, WHICH IS SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION ON THE GREEN SHEET.  
11   ONE, I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT-- ARE YOU PASSING IT OUT? AND  
12   THIS IS A MOTION BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AS WE  
13   READ THIS, C.A.O. IS TO REPORT THE FINDINGS INDICATE THAT  
14   THERE COULD BE POTENTIALLY ROOM FOR CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S  
15   BILLING PRACTICES. HOWEVER, MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE  
16   ANSWERED AND ADDITIONAL STUDIES REQUIRED. WE THINK THAT WE  
17   SHOULD BE CLEAR REGARDING THIS GREEN SHEET MOTION AND WHAT IT  
18   MEANS. WE DO NOT WANT IT TO BE CONSTRUED THAT APPROVAL  
19   REPRESENTS A CHANGE IN BOARD POLICY WITH REGARD TO BILLING  
20   PRACTICES. WHAT IT SHOULD MEAN IS THAT ADDITIONAL STUDY AND  
21   POTENTIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES THAT HAVE A VESTED  
22   INTEREST WILL OCCUR THAT COULD RESULT IN RECOMMENDATIONS BEING  
23   MADE TO THE BOARD FOR LEGAL REGARDING CHANGES TO BOARD POLICY.  
24   THE BUILDING MODEL USED TODAY HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR 30 YEARS  
25   AND, BECAUSE IT IS EFFECTIVE, IT WORKS, AND HAS BEEN BOTH



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1 MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO BOTH CITIES AND THE COUNTY. THAT IS WHY  
2 WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE MESSAGE WE SEND IS THAT WE  
3 ARE FOLLOWING A VERY THOUGHTFUL AND MEASURED PROCESS IN  
4 STUDYING THIS ISSUE, AS IT HAS POTENTIAL FOR MANY UNINTENDED  
5 OUTCOMES. THEREFORE, WE THINK WE SHOULD STRIKE THE LANGUAGE IN  
6 THE ACTION ITEMS THAT READ, "THE GOAL OF CHANGING OUR BILLING  
7 PRACTICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 AS IT MAY BE PREMATURE  
8 PENDING ADDITIONAL STUDY AND SUBSEQUENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
9 THE C.A.O. THAT ARE REQUIRED. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
10 CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION OF  
11 THE MAY 20TH C.A.O. REPORT BY STRIKING THE WORDS "INTO RATES  
12 CHARGE TO CITIES," AND INSERTING "MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
13 REGARDING THOSE COSTS." AND I ALSO FURTHER MOVE THAT THE  
14 LANGUAGE IN THE ACTION POINTS OF THE MOTION THAT MAKE  
15 REFERENCE TO THE GOAL OF CHANGING OUR BILLINGS PRACTICES FOR  
16 2005/2006 BE REMOVED FROM THE MOTION. ALSO MOVE FURTHER THAT  
17 THIS BOARD DIRECT THAT, AS PART OF THE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO  
18 THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE THAT A DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL  
19 UNINTENDED OUTCOMES, INCLUDING POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO PUBLIC  
20 SAFETY, BE A PART OF THE REPORTING.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON SOME OF THOSE  
23 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. DO WE UNDERSTAND THAT, MR. JANSSEN, THAT  
24 YOU WOULD COME BACK IN A WEEK AND MAYBE NOT CREATE A  
25 RECOMMENDATION ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THE GOAL OF CHANGING OUR



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1 BILLING PRACTICES FOR '05/'06, BUT YOU WOULD LOOK AT HOW WE'RE  
2 GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT. IS  
3 THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING?

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5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WHAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING IS?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, MY-- YEAH, BUT, I MEAN, IN  
10 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTENDED PARTIES.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT IS GOING TO BE  
13 NEGOTIATIONS OR SOMETHING WE'LL START, BUT HE HAS TO COME BACK  
14 WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN  
15 IMPLEMENTING-- HE HAS TO COME BACK WITH SOME STRUCTURES AS TO  
16 HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS,  
17 CORRECT?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TO GET THE IMPLEMENTATIONS FIRST  
20 BEFORE YOU IMPLEMENT. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
21 CLARIFY.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS THERE NOW.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'RE STRIKING THE WORDS "TO LOOK INTO THE RATES  
2   CHARGED"? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY  
3   RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL YOU LOOK INTO IT AND SEE WHAT THEY ARE?

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5   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT THAT'S WHAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO--  
6   AS I UNDERSTAND, HE'S SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT...

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8   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THEY'RE STRIKING THOSE WORDS, RIGHT? RIGHT?  
9   ARE YOU STRIKING THAT, THE WORDS "INTO THE RATES CHARGED TO  
10   CITIES"?

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT. WELL, WE'RE WILLING TO TAKE THOSE  
13   THINGS OUT AS LONG AS WE UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO  
14   GET AN UNDERSTANDING, THAT, FROM THIS, HE'S STILL GOING TO  
15   COME BACK IN ONE WEEK AS TO TELL US AS TO HOW HE IS GOING TO  
16   APPROACH THIS. SOME ARE GOING TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STUDY.  
17   RIGHT?

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19   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM THAT REQUIRE  
20   THE AUDITOR IS GOING TO NEED ADDITIONAL TIME THAT, OVERALL, IT  
21   IS MY INTENT TO RETURN TO THE BOARD SOMETIME NEXT SPRING WITH  
22   RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT TO DO FOR '05/'06.

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24   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE IS JUST SAYING,  
2   DON'T PREJUDGE NOW WHAT THE BOARD MAY DO WHEN WE RETURN. I  
3   THINK THAT'S ALL HE'S SAYING.

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5   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT MY ONLY QUESTION WAS HOW YOU DO THAT IF YOU  
6   CAN'T LOOK INTO THE PRESENT RATES, WHICH IS BEING STRICKEN.

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8   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE WILL LOOK IN THE...

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, NO, THAT'S...

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12   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S HIS INTENT.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.

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16   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THAT'S NOT YOUR INTENT.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO CLARIFY...

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20   **SUP. BURKE:** YOU INTEND FOR THEM TO LOOK AT IT.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. INTEND THEM TO LOOK AT IT BUT I WAS  
23   JUST TRYING TO CLARIFY SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION BECAUSE I  
24   READ HERS TO SAY TO "IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY."

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WE KNOW THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED  
2   IMMEDIATELY. MY ONLY QUESTION IS, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT YOU  
3   WOULD ADD AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THESE COSTS, THAT  
4   THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO HIS REVIEW, RATHER THAN JUST SAY HE  
5   CAN'T LOOK AT THEM.

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S GOING TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING, MAKE SOME  
8   REVIEWS AND THEN COME BACK WITH A PROPOSAL TO US AS TO HOW WE  
9   WOULD NEGOTIATE IN THE FUTURE CONTRACTS.

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11   **SUP. BURKE:** HE WOULD LOOK AT THEN HE'LL REVIEW IT AND MAKE  
12   RECOMMENDATIONS?

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14   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, RIGHT. AND IT IS MY INTENT TO WORK WITH  
15   THE CONTRACT CITIES IN THIS PROCESS, NOT TO DO IT  
16   INDEPENDENTLY.

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18   **SUP. BURKE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE HAD THAT  
21   CLARIFICATION.

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OTHERWISE, YOU GET YOUR OTHER TOE DONE IN,  
24   HUH?

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1    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, I'LL LOSE MY OTHER TOE.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT CLARIFICATION IS  
4    SIGNIFICANT. AS LONG AS IT'S UNDERSTOOD WHERE WE'RE ALL GOING  
5    WITH IT, BECAUSE THE C.A.O. HAS TO UNDERTAKE THAT AND  
6    HOPEFULLY GET US TO A POINT WHERE, IN FACT, WE CAN MAKE A  
7    DECISION, BUT PRESENT IT SO THAT WE HAVE, WITH PLENTY OF TIME  
8    BEFORE OUR CONTRACTS FOR, WHAT, NEXT YEAR.

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10   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I JUST WANT TO-- LIKE I SAID, WE ALL  
13   UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS.

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15   **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, I HAVE CONTRACT CITIES, AND WE DON'T WANT TO  
16   PENALIZE THEM, BUT THERE HAS TO BE AN EQUITY.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU HAVE INDEPENDENT CITIES THAT, YOU  
19   KNOW, USE THE SAME SERVICES AS WELL, TOO, SO... OKAY. WITH  
20   THAT, THEN, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AS AMENDED BY ME.  
21   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THAT ALL THE HELD ITEMS, I  
2    BELIEVE? BUT FOR NEXT WEEK, THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE  
3    A.C.L.U. HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
4    DEMANDING THAT A SMALL CROSS DISPLAYED ON THE OFFICIAL COUNTY  
5    SEAL BE REMOVED AND THAT A RESPONSE FROM OUR BOARD BE RECEIVED  
6    WITHIN 14 DAYS. THEY HAVE THREATENED LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE  
7    COUNTY IF IT'S NOT REMOVED. OFFICIAL COUNTY SEAL WAS DESIGNED  
8    BY FORMER SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN AND ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD ON  
9    MARCH 1ST, 1957. IT HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF OUR GREAT COUNTY  
10   WHICH SPANS 4,081 MILES AND ENCOMPASSES SOME 10 MILLION  
11   RESIDENTS, MAKING IT THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN  
12   THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE SEAL HAS VARIOUS SYMBOLS  
13   REPRESENTING OUR COUNTY'S DIVERSE AND RICH HISTORY, FROM  
14   AGRICULTURE TO OIL PRODUCTION, FROM CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO THE  
15   CONQUEST OF SPACE, AND INCLUDES A CROSS REPRESENTING THE  
16   INFLUENCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN A PART OF  
17   OUR DEPARTMENT-- DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTY AND STATE OF  
18   CALIFORNIA. OUR HISTORY CANNOT BE CHANGED AND WILL NOT BE  
19   REWRITTEN. WE HAVE A RICH AND PROUD HISTORY WHICH EVERY PERSON  
20   IN THE COUNTY CAN BE PROUD OF, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR RELIGIOUS  
21   BACKGROUND. TODAY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FACES A VARIETY  
22   OF CRITICAL ISSUES AND THE THREAT OF SUCH A LAWSUIT BY THE  
23   A.C.L.U. IS CLEARLY A FRIVOLOUS ACTION AND WOULD CAUSE THE  
24   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SPEND UNTOLD AMOUNT OF ALREADY SCARCE  
25   RESOURCES. WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR OUR COUNTY SEAL WHICH  
2 WAS ADOPTED 47 YEARS AGO AND DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
3 THOROUGHLY REVIEW THIS MATTER AND BEGIN PREPARATIONS AND BRIEF  
4 THIS BOARD TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE COUNTY'S SEAL IF SUCH  
5 LITIGATION IS BROUGHT AGAINST THIS COUNTY, AND THAT'S FOR NEXT  
6 WEEK. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC HEARING  
7 ITEM LEFT. I MEAN PUBLIC COMMENT, EXCUSE ME. PATRICIA  
8 MCALLISTER?

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10 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** I AM PATRICIA MCALLISTER. IT IS AN HONOR  
11 TO BE HERE. THERE IS SOME FALSE ADVERTISING GOING ON, IT'S  
12 ADVERTISED ON THE WEB, THIS MEETING STARTS AT 1:00 AND IT'S  
13 SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT THE 2004/2005 ACTION PLAN FOR PROPOSED  
14 PROJECTS. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THAT HAPPENED, BUT I WILL LOOK  
15 INTO THAT. I AM ADDRESSING THIS 1-D RECOMMENDATION FOR 73  
16 MILLION TO BE, AS IT SAYS HERE, TO BE DOLED OUT, I'LL SAY  
17 DOLED OUT WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. I TOTALLY DISAGREE  
18 WITH THAT, BUT I'M GOING TO HOLD THAT BECAUSE I HAVE OTHER  
19 ISSUES, AND IT'S CONCERNING THE CDBG, WHICH THAT MONEY DOES  
20 ADDRESS ALSO. CDBG, THOSE MONEYS WERE ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED BY  
21 H.U.D. FOR CREATING AND BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CREATING  
22 JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES. I DO  
23 HAVE A COPY OF THAT ACTION PLAN AND I SEE MOST OF THAT MONEY  
24 GOING TO EVERYTHING EXCEPT THOSE THINGS. AS YOU KNOW, LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE



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1 NATION, AND I SEE THESE FUNDS GOING EVERYWHERE BUT BUILDING  
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I SEE \$250,000 JUST GOING TO PLANNING AND  
3 ADMINISTRATION. I CAN GO ON AND ON. DIRECT FINANCIAL  
4 ASSISTANCE TO PROFIT BUSINESSES, \$231,000. I DON'T SEE  
5 ANYWHERE WHERE YOU'RE BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK IT  
6 SHOULD BE UNLAWFUL THAT THIS SUPERVISORY BOARD IS ALLOWED TO  
7 DO SUCH THINGS. I HAVE TALKED TO H.U.D. IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO  
8 FIND OUT WHY CDBG MONEY IS GOING TO HOMEOWNERS OVER HALF A  
9 MILLION DOLLARS JUST TO FIX UP THEIR HOMES. YES, GRANTS, BUT  
10 YOU'RE NOT BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I AM HERE REPRESENTING  
11 MYSELF, BUT I'M ALSO ON THE ADVISORY BOARD OF L.A.H.S.A.,  
12 THAT'S THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, AND I JUST  
13 SENT EACH ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS A LETTER STATING THAT THERE  
14 IS A STALEMATE, OR I WOULD CALL IT A SABOTAGE ON THE  
15 L.A.H.S.A. ADVISORY BOARD. AND I TALKED TO ALL OF YOUR STAFF,  
16 AND SOME OF THEM SAID THEY'D GET BACK TO ME, BUT NO ONE HAS  
17 CALLED ME. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET MEETINGS FOR THE LAST  
18 SEVEN MONTHS WITH L.A.H.S.A. I'VE BEEN ON THAT BOARD SEVEN  
19 MONTHS AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ON A COMMITTEE BECAUSE  
20 WE CANNOT GET QUORUMS. MANY OF THOSE MEMBERS ARE FROM SPAS,  
21 THEY'RE FROM SPAS, THEY'RE BEING PAID, THEY'RE AGENCIES  
22 THROUGH THE COUNTY, SO THEY HAVE NO-- THEY HAVE NO NEED TO  
23 WANT TO COME TO THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE, AS FAR AS I'M  
24 CONCERNED, THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE HOMELESS. ANOTHER THING,  
25 I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS SUPERVISOR BURKE. I HAVE CALLED HER OFFICE



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1 MANY TIMES, TALKED TO HER STAFF, BUT SHE NEVER TALKS TO ME,  
2 BUT SHE DID PUT A MEMBER, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN-- WE HAD NO  
3 AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON THE COMMISSIONER BOARD OF L.A.H.S.A. NOT  
4 ONE. THERE WERE NINE SEATS. SO I RALLIED AND WROTE LETTERS TO  
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE, ASKING HER TO PUT AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ON  
6 THERE, AND SHE DID. THIS AFRICAN-AMERICAN, VERONICA BROOKS,  
7 SITS THERE AND HAS NOT SAID A WORD SINCE SHE'S BEEN ON THERE.  
8 SHE REPRESENTS OVER 60% OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY AND I THINK IT'S APPALLING THAT SHE WOULD COME THERE  
10 AND NOT OPEN HER MOUTH. I TALK MORE THAN SHE DOES. I ASKED HER  
11 IN THE LAST MEETING, "WILL YOU PLEASE SPEAK?" YOU REPRESENT  
12 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, AND I THINK WE NEED MORE THAN ONE AFRICAN-  
13 AMERICAN ON THE L.A.H.S.A. ADVISORY BOARD. AND, IN CLOSING,  
14 I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE THE SUPERVISORS HELD  
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU  
16 SHOULD NOT HAVE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM THAT YOU HAVE HERE WITH  
17 ALL OF THE BILLIONS THAT COME FROM WASHINGTON INTO THIS STATE  
18 AND I THINK THAT WE NEED A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE FUNDS,  
19 WHERE THESE FUNDS ARE GOING AND HOW THEY'RE BEING ALLOCATED. I  
20 SEE A LOT OF INSTANCES WHERE FUNDS ARE NOT BEING ALLOCATED  
21 APPROPRIATELY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR  
22 BURKE, I AM AFRICAN-AMERICAN ALSO, AND I THINK THAT YOU, AS AN  
23 AFRICAN-AMERICAN, YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT YOUR  
24 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THERE BEING NO FURTHER  
2    PUBLIC COMMENT, THEN WE'LL GO TO CLOSED SESSION, BUT I JUST  
3    WANTED TO ADD ONE COMMENT, THOUGH, THAT WE WANTED TO COMMEND  
4    BRYCE YOKOMIZO, ALONG WITH C.A.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, ON THIS  
5    FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES  
6    DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING THE FOOD STAMP PENALTIES  
7    FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2000 THROUGH 2002. YOU KNOW, AT ONE  
8    POINT, IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE FIGURE THAT WE WERE FACING AS FAR  
9    AS THE PENALTY AND I THINK NOT ONLY THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT,  
10   BUT IT WASN'T JUST A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT, IT WAS BECAUSE THE  
11   DEPARTMENT BEGAN TO DO THEIR JOB AND REALLY FIX THE PROBLEM,  
12   AND BOTH PUBLIC AGENCIES RECOGNIZED THAT. SO, TO BRYCE, TO  
13   DAVID, TO RAY, I MEAN, TO EVERYONE WHO NEGOTIATED THAT  
14   AGREEMENT, A BIG HEARTFELT THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF NOT ONLY THE  
15   BOARD, BUT THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU. GO TO  
16   CLOSED SESSION.

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18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
19   REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
20   SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
21   CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
22   EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
23   REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND  
24   ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E.  
25   JANSSEN, STAN WISNIEWSKI AND RICHARD VOLPERT WITH RESPECT TO



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1 PROPOSED NEW LEASES AND PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSIONS FOR  
2 PROPERTIES WITHIN THE MARINA DEL REY SMALL CRAFT HARBOR. AS  
3 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD  
4 OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 1 AT 1:00 P.M. THANK YOU.

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